

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL REYELTS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity and pay tribute to Michael Reyelts for his significant contributions to our educational system. Mr. Reyelts teaches English as a second language to students at the Colorado Mountain College in Rifle, Colorado. Through his lessons, he not only teaches English, but he also educates students on how to adapt to American society. He has been a positive influence on many members of our community.

Mr. Reyelts studied Spanish while attending high school and mastered the language while on a two-year church mission to Argentina, where he worked both in cities and in remote areas. Upon returning from Argentina, he attended Brigham Young University where he studied secondary education and English as a second language. In 1999, Michael received his masters in education with an emphasis in English as a second language.

Dozens of students attend his classes three nights a week. Michael has adopted a style of teaching that has proven to be very successful. He creates a comfortable atmosphere within the classroom by joking around with his students and making them feel at ease in what can be a stressful situation. His instruction certainly contains grammar lessons but Michael also tries to stress a practical understanding of the English language that his students will hear in every day life. Michael Reyelts does not stop simply at teaching the English language. He also relates current events to his students as a means of providing examples for understanding the English language.

Mr. Speaker, Michael Reyelts truly cares about his students and provides them with the valuable skills that increase their confidence and provide them more opportunities to reach their goals. I would like to thank him for his commitment to such an important cause and congratulate him on his achievements.

TO HONOR MS. LINDA MAZÓN-GUTIÉRREZ AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 12TH ANNUAL PROFILES OF SUCCESS HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize a special individual who was honored for her leadership qualities and service to her community. On September 5th, Ms. Linda Mazón-Gutiérrez was honored by

her peers at the Annual Profiles of Success Hispanic Leadership Awards presentation in Phoenix, Arizona. This event, coordinated by Valle del Sol, a local non-profit community based organization, kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arizona and is now in its twelfth year of honoring worthy individuals.

Honored in the category of Exemplary Leadership, Ms. Mazón-Gutiérrez, of Tucson, Arizona, was recognized for her dedication to advancing the growth and development of the Hispanic community through her work in various national and community organizations. She is a long time health care official currently serving as the Intergovernmental Administrator for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). In addition, she chairs the Board of Directors for the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI) and is president of the Arizona Hispanic Women's Corporation. She is also a member of the Arizona Mexico Commission, the Arizona Children's Action Alliance Advisory Board, and the Tucson Chicanos Por La Causa Advisory Board.

Through her dedicated work in these organizations she improves the lives of her fellow Arizonans and Latinos. Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ms. Linda Mazón-Gutiérrez, who truly serves as a role model and inspiration to those dedicated to serving their community.

TRIBUTE TO MARVIN WESTMORE AND THE WESTMORE ACADEMY OF COSMETIC ARTS

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the accomplishments of Marvin Westmore and the Westmore Academy of Cosmetic Arts.

Marvin Westmore, founder of the Westmore Academy of Cosmetic Arts, is a long-time supporter of numerous community programs such as the Boy Scouts of America, Avon breast cancer research, Starlight Children's Foundation, Golden Acres Adult Day Health Center, Beautiful People Awards for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, local community high school fund raising programs, Grossman Burn Center and many other worthy endeavors.

Mr. Westmore, a pioneer in the field of medical cosmetics, has used his expertise to develop special make-up products and application techniques. He has trained thousands of students to help disfigured patients normalize their appearance and regain their self-confidence. Students in need of financial assistance are awarded full scholarships and given supplies at the finest make-up artists schools in the world, enabling them to realize their life-long dream of becoming professional make-up artists.

I salute the outstanding efforts of Mr. Westmore and sincerely thank him for the vital

and compassionate service which he has provided for those less fortunate in his community.

IN HONOR OF CAROL MAHLER, RECIPIENT OF UNITED WAY'S CONGRESSWOMAN MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carol Mahler, a recipient of United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award. The award, which was created by the United Way of Hudson County in 1990, pays tribute to women who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to community service as exemplified by Congresswoman Norton during her 13 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives (1925–1950). Ms. Mahler will receive this award of Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Carol Mahler currently serves as Executive Director of the Visiting Homemaker Service of Hudson County (VHS). As Executive Director of this organization, she manages three facilities in Hudson County that provide nursing supervision and social services to individuals in need of short- or long-term health care assistance. In supervising the operations and activities of VHS of Hudson County, she is dedicated to ensuring that the elderly and those in need of nursing supervision are provided with quality health care services.

Ms. Mahler has an extensive and comprehensive background in providing nursing services. A 24-year veteran of the VHS staff, she holds nursing degrees from the Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and Jersey City State College. Furthermore, she has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from New York University, where she received the Dean's Award for Leadership.

Outside of her commitments to VHS, Carol Mahler is an active participant in numerous health associations. She serves as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Home Health Assembly of New Jersey and is a Member of the Commission on Accreditation for Home Care University, a subsidiary of the National Association for Home Care in Washington, D.C. In addition, she is a Member of the Board for the Hudson Prenatal Consortium.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Carol Mahler for the outstanding health care services that she has provided to the people of Hudson County. Through her efforts, the quality of life for many New Jersey residents has vastly improved.

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RECOGNITION OF DORA
MENCHACA-DORSEY'S DEATH

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I join Congressman HENRY WAXMAN to acknowledge the death of Dora Menchaca-Dorsey. Her death has brought great sorrow to family members in both of our districts.

Dora Menchaca-Dorsey, was an unfortunate victim of American Airlines Flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Had Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey taken the later flight on which she was scheduled, she would have returned safely home to her husband, Earle Dorsey and 5-year-old son. Her daughter, Imani, was away at college in Oregon. Due to the airport shutdowns at the time, Imani Dorsey, drove from Portland to Los Angeles to be with her family. Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey also leaves behind a brother in San Gabriel.

Sadly, Dora Menchaca-Dorsey's life was cut short while she was working to save the lives of others. Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey was in Washington, DC attending a briefing with the Food and Drug Administration on medical developments for patients with prostate cancer. She was a dedicated scientist who worked tirelessly to find a cure for some of today's deadliest diseases. Ironically, amidst such death, her co-workers remember her laughter and energy. She could also be maternal towards others, urging them to get regular health-care check-ups. Her husband, Earle Dorsey says he owns his life to his wife. Because of her insistence, his prostate cancer was diagnosed at an early stage.

She also gave back to the community. Proud of her Mexican-American heritage, Dora Menchaca-Dorsey often visited schools to encourage students, especially minorities and girls, to pursue careers in the sciences. That is how we should all remember her.

Menchaca-Dorsey was an energetic and dedicated individual who believed in and lived to find a cure for the diseases plaguing society. She was also a giving and loving wife and mother to her two children. Let us celebrate her memory by remembering what was contributed, not what was lost. Her contribution to the scientific world, to society, and to her family will not be soon forgotten.

REGARDING THE DEATH OF
JULIAN HESTER

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Julian Hester, CEO, Community Bankers Association of Georgia, who passed away on September 4, 2001 after a long battle with cancer.

Julian was a native of Washington, Georgia. Upon graduation from Washington High School, he received a scholarship and attended the University of Georgia where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. Following graduation in 1955, he

began his long and illustrious banking career with Farmers and Merchants Bank in his hometown of Washington. While at the bank, Julian graduated from the University of Georgia School of Banking. Later, in 1979, he served a term as president of the Community Bankers Association of Georgia. After serving more than 15 years with Farmers and Merchants Bank, he became president of Habersham Bank in Clarksville, Georgia, where he served for nearly 12 years.

During the early 1980's Julian worked for a large Southeastern correspondent bank, and recognized the need for a correspondent bank in Georgia. In 1984, he organized the Georgia Bankers Bank, which currently serves more than 800 community financial institutions across the Southeast. The following year, he began lobbying for the Community Bankers Association of Georgia, and in 1986 joined the staff as Executive Director/CEO.

As a well-respected lobbyist for more than two decades, Julian expanded the Association to include important services for its member banks, such as educational programs, group services and a strong system of inter-bank networking. Currently, the Association has more than 200 associate members and 330 community bank members statewide.

In addition to his incredible dedication and commitment to community banking, Julian was also very active in several business and civic organizations, and served in many leadership positions. He was a past president of the Independent Bankers Association of America's National Association of State Independent Banking Association Executives, and the Northeast Georgia Chapter of the Bankers Administration Institute. He also served as vice president, treasurer and president of his local Georgia Jaycees chapter, and president of the Rotary Club of Habersham County. He was an active member and a deacon of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville.

HONORING DEANNA STRAND

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Deanna Strand for her success and accomplishments in the field of aviation. Deanna owns the Strand Flying School in Grand Junction, Colorado. She started the school in 1983 and over the course of eighteen dedicated years, has produced a business with a great national reputation.

Flying has played a large role in her family. Deanna's parents owned an aviation business in Montana and she had received her private pilot's license before she graduated from high school. Several years later she received her flight instructor rating and opened the Strand Flying School with one leased airplane and no employees. Over the years, she has been developing her credentials, expanding the capabilities of her school and, in turn, her reputation. In addition to being a flight instructor and business owner, she is also a Federal Aviation Administration Flight Examiner and a Flight Instructor Examiner. Deanna is one of only two people in Western Colorado who determines whether an applicant can receive their next li-

cense or rating, including an instructor's license. This year she was named FAA Flight Instructor of the Year in the Northwest Mountain Region as well as the Salt Lake City District. Her list of accomplishments also includes over 8,000 logged hours in the air. Deanna has recently taken on a new challenge. In cooperation with Colorado Northwestern Community College and Mesa State College, she will be providing a program that will award students an aviation degree.

Deanna Strand and the Strand Flying School have come a long way in the last eighteen years. She now owns seven planes and employs a fully staffed office and nine instructors. Deanna Strand has turned her favorite pastime into a successful business and an accomplished career. I would like to recognize her accomplishments in the field of aviation and thank her for the wonderful service that she is providing her community.

TO HONOR ELÍAS AND CECILIA
ESQUER, RECIPIENTS OF THE
12TH ANNUAL PROFILES OF SUCCESS
HISPANIC LEADERSHIP
AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize two outstanding citizens who have been honored for their leadership qualities and service to their community. On September 5th, Elías and Cecilia Esquer were honored by their peers at the Annual Profiles of Success Hispanic Leadership Awards presentation in Phoenix, Arizona. This event, coordinated by Valle del Sol, a local non-profit community based organization, kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arizona and is now in its twelfth year of honoring worthy individuals.

Honored in the Hall of Fame category, Mr. and Mrs. Esquer were recognized for their extensive civic involvement and service to their community. Together, they have served on various federal, state and local boards and commissions supporting educational, legal, and artistic advancement. They have been instrumental in creating the Arizona Association of Chicanos in Higher Education and the Hispanic Convocation at Arizona State University. Their work has been instrumental in creating various educational programs and they have dedicated countless hours towards mentoring students, staff and faculty members at colleges and universities throughout Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing these outstanding citizens for their fine work and dedication. Through their work they have earned the respect and admiration of their community and peers.

POEM BY BRITTNI BATES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am amazed at the many heroic and kind deeds that we have

seen since the horrible terrorist attacks of September 11.

The Nation has developed a unity of spirit and patriotism such as I have never seen in my lifetime.

This spirit has been captured in a beautiful way in a poem written by one of my constituents, Brittini Bates.

This poem, entitled "United We Stand," is even more impressive, considering it was written by a 13-year-old middle school student.

This Nation would be a much better place if we had more young people like Brittini Bates, and I would like to call her poem to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

UNITED WE STAND

Blood was shed for this land, many men took a stand.

Now, again we unite. Now . . . again we must fight

We will protect our nation,
and protect our civilization.

Freedom was won with a heavy price.
Now again we must roll the dice.

United we stand for our land.

So now we come to pray,
to our Lord and nation, we will obey.

The deaths of those were pointless and cruel.
United we stand to protect our land.
To banish hate and not discriminate.

And reclaim the declaration to our nation.
Terrorists beware!

You have gone too far!

For United We Stand To Protect Our Land.

God Bless America, Home of the Brave.

—by Brittini N. Bates, age 13, Holston Middle School

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1900, the Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2001 which amends current juvenile crime policy and provides quality prevention and accountability programs relating to juvenile delinquency.

Regrettably, juvenile crime is a growing problem in our country. Today's teenagers account for the largest portion of all violent crimes; offenders under the age of 18 commit more than one-fifth of all violent crime. Furthermore, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) estimates that murders committed by juveniles will increase by 145%, forcible rapes by 66%, and aggravated assaults by 129% by the year 2010 as the number of juveniles increases dramatically.

In the wake of the rash of school shootings which our nation has endured over the past few years, I believe it is more important than ever to protect our children and communities from violence. Accordingly, H.R. 1900 will expand existing after-school programs for at-risk youngsters as well as providing innovative treatment for juvenile offenders.

H.R. 1900 will also fund programs related to the organization and maintenance of school vi-

olence hotlines and programs designed to reduce the unlawful acquisition and illegal use of guns by juveniles. This program directs much-needed resources to a social issue in which all Americans have a stake. Our children are the future of this country. Let us give them the tools and guidance to resist criminal activity and to improve their lives. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1900.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN N. HARDEE

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to John N. Hardee of South Carolina, who is a respected member of the South Carolina Transportation Commission for the 2nd Congressional District. He has been a member of the Transportation Commission since 1997. Mr. Hardee's career achievements and accomplishments exemplify his extraordinary contributions to the state of South Carolina.

Currently, Mr. Hardee is the Director of Governmental Affairs at Lamar Advertising. He has served as the President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of South Carolina since 1989.

In 1995, Mr. Hardee was appointed to represent South Carolina on the Scenic Highways Committee. As a member of the committee, he assisted in the drafting of regulations that established the necessary criteria for Scenic Highways. Mr. Hardee has served as the Chairman of this valuable committee since its inception. Mr. Hardee was awarded the Order of the Palmetto, the State's highest honor, in 1998, in recognition of his dedication to the field of transportation through his service to the Transportation Commission and Scenic Highways Committee.

At the request of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, the South Carolina Transportation Commission voted to name the proposed seven-mile airport connector road between I-20 and I-26 in Lexington County as the John N. Hardee Airport Expressway, in recognition of his efforts to obtain funds to support the project.

Along with Mr. Hardee's service to the field of transportation, comes his service to the community.

As a member of the First Baptist Church in Florence, South Carolina, he served on the Board of Deacons from 1985–1988 and 1990–1992, and was chairman of the Board in 1988. He organized the first prayer breakfast in Florence, as well. As a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina since 1993, he has served on the Board of Deacons and Stewardship Planning in 1994.

He has served as a member of the Florence Chamber of Commerce from 1973–1992 and served as president in 1985. He was a member of the Florence County Economic Development Commission from 1988 to 1992, and was the chairman from 1990 to 1991. He was also a member of the Florence Planning Commission from 1981 to 1992, and chairman for almost five years.

Mr. Hardee has also served as a member of the Florence Lion's Club, and as its president in 1984. From 1980 to 1992 he served as a

member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, and as chairman from 1983 to 1986. He is currently a member of the Five Points Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Mr. John N. Hardee for the incredible service he has provided for the residents of South Carolina. I sincerely thank Mr. John Hardee for the outstanding contributions he has given to the state of South Carolina through his distinguished service to the field of transportation. I congratulate him on his recent accomplishment of having the airport expressway named on his behalf and wish him the best in all of his future endeavors.

HONORING JANICE LEE ROHLF

HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 60th birthday of Janice Lee Rohlf.

On September 18, 1941, Janice Lee Rohlf (nee Janice Smith) was born and raised in a remote, rural area in Northeast Pennsylvania. A high school teacher/guidance counselor encouraged Janice to attend college; he even gave her the \$15.00 to apply to what was then the East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Janice was the first in her family to attend college, majoring in mathematics, with a minor in social studies.

Upon graduation, Janice came to LI to teach in the Islip school district. After one year, she married and began raising a family. Janice has three wonderful children, Justin, Jason and Janine. Janice divorced and returned to work, starting in Suffolk County Government. During this time, Janice also earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Stony Brook University, and moved through four positions in three years in Suffolk County: Investigator in the Child Support Enforcement Bureau, Labor Technician in the Department of Labor, Administrative Assistant in Medicaid, Legislative Aide in the County Legislature and, finally, an Administrative Assistant in the County Executive's Office. While in her last position in the Suffolk County Government Janice began work on a Master's Degree in Social Work at Stony Brook University, which she completed in December of 1989. Janice currently has a small, part-time psychiatric social work practice.

Following a change in leadership in Suffolk County, Janice then worked for the Long Island Chapter of the New York State Head Injury Association. Then, in September of 1987, an opportunity arose at Stony Brook University, albeit temporary and part-time, in the University Affairs office as the Director of Public Affairs, which Janice accepted. Needless to say, Janice never left and since 1988 has been the Director of Governmental Relations at Stony Brook University.

In November of 1998 Janice married F. James Rohlf, a Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at Stony Brook. They travel extensively, most recently to South Africa, Chile and Australia. Janice and Jim reside in Port Jefferson, with their cat, Tigger.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE BLOCH

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to honor George Bloch, Ed.D., who has been named California Administrator of the Year in the Superintendent Category by the Association of California Administrators.

Dr. Bloch began his educational career in 1964. Over the years, he has achieved an impressive record of academic and civic accomplishments, and, in doing so, has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with him.

I would like to congratulate him and sincerely thank him for his outstanding and dedicated service to the Chino Valley Unified School District.

IN HONOR OF PATRICIA DONNELLY, RECIPIENT OF UNITED WAY'S CONGRESSWOMAN MARY T. NORTON MEMORIAL AWARD

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Patricia Donnelly for winning United Way's Congresswoman Mary T. Norton Memorial Award. This prestigious award is bestowed annually to women who have made exceptional contributions to the success of communities throughout the nation. Ms. Donnelly will be presented with the award on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza Hotel in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Patricia Donnelly has enjoyed an extensive and impressive career in journalism that has spanned over three decades. During her career, she has initiated and overseen the operation of several print journalism projects, including the Gold Coast magazine and the Jersey Journal's Spanish-language weekly, *El Nuevo Hudson*. In addition, she has served as editor for the Jersey Journal's Hudson Dispatch and the Hoboken Reporter.

Throughout her career, Ms. Donnelly has impressively balanced her demanding professional commitments with her desire to help promote community service initiatives that improve the quality of life for families living in New Jersey. She has consistently assisted the United Way and other non-profit organizations, by helping them advance and broadcast their message to thousands of New Jersey residents.

Ms. Donnelly is a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, and an alumnus of Marywood College in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Currently, she resides in Hoboken, New Jersey, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Hoboken-North Hudson YMCA. Furthermore, she is an active member of the Parish Council at St. Francis Church in Hoboken.

Patricia Donnelly is happily married to Arturo Martinez, her husband of 25 years. Patricia and Arturo are the proud parents of Nora and Peter.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Patricia Donnelly for her commitment and dedication in helping foster and promote community service initiatives that have assisted countless families in New Jersey.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARC HOLTZMAN TO THE STATE OF COLORADO

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, technology has become an important tool today in terms of nearly every facet of our lives—from legislation to the completion of daily routines. It has been used to reinvent many systems and increase ties between people. Marc Holtzman, the first Secretary of Technology in the State of Colorado, has accepted this new and transformational role to merge technology with government, economics and education. I would like to recognize the work of this honorable man and all that he has done, and will continue to do, for the great State of Colorado.

Following his graduation from Leigh University, Marc founded an investment firm called MeesPierson EurAmerica, which was later sold to become the 11th largest bank in the world. His time in Europe has allowed him to become an authority on political development. Now, he serves in the cabinet-level position for Governor Owens while earning only \$1 per year. During the week, Marc resides in Denver, but during the weekend he travels to his house in the Roaring Fork Valley—a great opportunity to enjoy the mountain environment amidst his responsibilities.

Colorado is home to many high-tech industries and Marc plays a crucial role in securing a successful future for these companies, along with creating an environment conducive to attracting new businesses. Furthermore, Marc has been put in charge of creating quasi-charter schools that aim to build a bridge across the technological divide with the support of Microsoft's Bill Gates. Throughout all of his projects, Marc has proven to be a valuable contributor to Colorado and has a high success rate in all that he does.

Mr. Speaker, at a time when technology is becoming such an important part of our world, the convergence of technology and governance is inevitable. Marc is ensuring that we implement this technology and in return, benefit the people of Colorado. Additionally, his charismatic leadership has led to many innovative experiments and successes. He is truly navigating Colorado through this remarkable revolution. I would like to honor his contributions and recognize the importance of his service to the State of Colorado. I extend my warmest regards to him and wish him the best in years to come.

RECOGNITION OF MR. ADEL KARAS' DEATH

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge one of my constituents who was

lost to us this past weekend in a tragic shooting.

Mr. Adel Karas, a resident of Arcadia, was shot in his grocery store in San Gabriel on September 15, 2001 in an attempted robbery that the FBI is now investigating as a hate crime. Mr. Karas had owned and operated the International Market in San Gabriel for two decades. As a Coptic Christian, Mr. Karas fled his native Egypt in the 1970's to escape religious persecution. It is difficult to think that despite living in the United States for 20 years, he may have lost his life because the perpetrators targeted him based on his race.

We will remember him as a warm and loving man who gave his best to his family and to his community. His family mourns his death and remembers him as a loving father to his sons and a good husband to his wife, Ronda Karas. Mr. Karas was also a care giver to his elderly parents, calling every day to check on their well-being. Furthermore, Mr. Karas was a respected businessman and appreciated by friends and neighbors. Our community mourns the loss of one of our own as is evident by the memorial filled with heart-felt cards and hundreds of flowers that has been created outside his storefront.

I am saddened by the loss of such a fine member of our community and wish his family and loved ones my greatest sympathies by acknowledging him today. Let us remember Adel Karas as a genuine, kind, and loving son, father, husband, and American.

RECOGNIZING COUNTY COMMISSIONER BILLY CROKER, POLK COUNTY, GEORGIA

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARR OF Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Billy Croker of Polk County, Georgia is one county commissioner who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. In addition to being instrumental in bringing Our House for battered women and children and the Boys and Girls Club to Cedartown, Georgia, Mr. Croker has been very active in the Coosa Valley Regional Planning Commission, and he has recently been elected to a new position on the Board of Managers of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG). He represents the first ACCG district, which includes 15 counties in northwest Georgia.

The ACCG is a nonprofit agency assisting Georgia's county governments. Formed in 1914, ACCG serves as the consensus-building, training, and legislative organization for all 159 county governments in the state.

Billy had previously been an at-large representative to the Board of Managers. As a board member of the statewide association, he plays a prominent role in shaping ACCG's yearly policy objectives and in directing activities taken on by the Association to help counties meet the increasingly complex demands facing today's local governments.

Billy is recognized as an active participant and exceptional leader in the Association, and by his peers throughout Georgia. He always shows a committed interest in the welfare of the entire state, not just Polk County. He is a true and valued servant of the people of Georgia, and it is an honor to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives.

CITIZENSHIP DAY AND
CONSTITUTION WEEK**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, although we were not in regular session this past Monday, I would like to remind my Colleagues that September 17th was Citizenship Day and that this week is Constitution Week. The tragic events of the past week should remind us just how important our Citizenship and our Constitution are and what they mean to each and everyone of us.

This year's observances of Citizenship Day and Constitution Week come as we mourn for those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11th. The National Conference on Citizenship urges every American to honor the victims by working constructively within our democratic process, so the United States will remain the world's foremost defender of freedom and a beacon of tolerance toward all men and women of good will.

The National Conference of Citizenship was founded in 1946 to sustain the unity of purpose that had bound together all Americans during World War II. In 1953, Congress granted this Conference a Charter that charged the organization "To encourage ever more effective participation in citizenship activities and to promote a spirit of cooperation on the part of all citizens."

Given the events of the past week, let us rededicate ourselves to this purpose. We are about to enter a period of our history that will perhaps be as important to our freedom as were the trials and tribulations of World War II. Over the past few days, we have seen how all our lives are bound together. Today, let all Americans continue to express this newfound sense of unity of purpose that we have not seen since World War II and remember that we are a nation of laws and principle.

POW/MIA DAY 2001

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to my colleague's attention that tomorrow has been designated as National POW/MIA Day for 2001. This is an annual commemoration, designated by the President, for Americans to remember the sacrifices of those armed service-members who were captured in wartime, and those whose ultimate fate remains unknown.

Our nation fought four major conflicts in the 20th century. In those wars, over 142,000 Americans were taken prisoner-of-war. Those servicemen and women experienced numerous hardships and treatment which could often be described only as barbaric during the course of captivity. Those Americans imprisoned by the Japanese during World War II faced the worst possible conditions in captivity and were firsthand witnesses to the utter depravity of their fellow men. Americans imprisoned in North Korea and Southeast Asia suffered similar treatment.

The vast majority of these individuals, more than 134,000, were eventually returned to U.S. control. However, more than 17,000 did not come home, and joined the ranks of the missing-in-action. According to the Congressional research service, over 88,000 Americans remain unaccounted for from 20th century wars. The bulk of these, 78,794, are remains not recovered from World War II. Approximately 1,600 Americans remain missing from the first World War, and more than 8,100 individuals remain missing from the Korean War. Korean War figures have been notoriously inaccurate, and of this aforementioned figure, "only" 2,195 cases exist where death was not witnessed or otherwise well-documented. Regarding the Vietnam War, 1,956 Americans remain missing from that conflict, of which the defense department believes 657 are definitely dead, including 459 who were lost at sea or over water.

I have been a strong advocate of an accounting of our POW/MIA's since I first came to the Congress in 1973. I was introduced to the issue through the experience of two friends and constituents, George and Gladys Brooks, who had lost their son in Vietnam. They were early members of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, an advocacy group for the families that continues to play a key role in this issue to this day. At the time, the POW/MIA issue did not resonate with the American public, who wanted to forget the whole Vietnam experience as soon as possible. Along with like-minded colleagues in the House, I sought to work closely with the National League of Families to raise the profile of the POW/MIA issue with the American people and force the Department of Defense to adopt a sustained policy of seeking a full accounting for all those individuals who did not come home, especially with those who were last known to be alive in captivity.

From 1975–77, I served as a member of the Montgomery Select Committee on Missing Persons in Southeast Asia, a body which held numerous hearings on the issue of whether live Americans were left behind in our Exodus from Vietnam. Subsequent to this, I co-chaired the House Select task force on this issue with my former colleague from Virginia, Lester Wolf. During this time, I made numerous trips to Southeast Asia, beginning with a trip to Hanoi in 1975.

In 1995, I introduced H.R. 945, The Missing Service Personnel Act of 1995, which was eventually incorporated into the Defense Authorization Act for FY '96. Included in this legislation was language which required the Secretary of Defense to centralize the responsibility for search and rescue operations under one office; instruct the Secretary to establish procedures for dealing with the families of missing persons by protecting the interests of the families; and provide a means by which the families of MIA's can express their concerns and questions about the missing family member. It also called for greater consultation between DOD and family members, and incorporated provisions create accountability and punishment for those in DOD who refuse to follow the law in this area.

Many of the good provisions in the bill were stripped out at the request of DOD in the House/Senate conference on the following year's authorization bill. The bulk of these, however, were overwhelmingly restored by the House in the FY 98 Defense Authorization bill.

Two years ago, I introduced legislation to declassify all of the classified documents from these hearings that were in the possession of the national archives. This resolution, which the House adopted unanimously, made available hundreds of formerly secret documents, allowing family members and academic researchers the opportunity to review previously unavailable material, which might eventually help with securing a final resolution for some MIA cases.

Permit me to focus special recognition on those POW/MIA's from Korea and Vietnam. Despite the prior administration's best assurances to the contrary, many of us in Congress remained unconvinced that the governments of North Korea and Vietnam have been fully cooperating with the United States on this issue. Regrettably, by normalizing relations with Vietnam, I believe that we have withdrawn our leverage over the Vietnamese government on this issue.

It bears noting that we have made some progress. Since the end of the war, 586 sets of remains have been returned from Vietnam, with 285 returned since 1991. However, despite an official position to the contrary, U.S. government efforts on the POW/MIA issue have traditionally focused on remains recovery, with little, if any, emphasis on the live Americans issue. In fact, in answers to questions I posed in hearings on recovery efforts back in 1996, Clinton administration officials admitted that the discussion of live American prisoners was not even on the agenda when U.S. officials met with their North Korean, Vietnamese, or Laotian counterparts. Rather, they preferred to focus solely on the issue of remains recovery as a measurement of cooperation on the MIA issue from those countries.

The U.S. government, particularly the last administration, has often appeared to equate activity on recovery efforts, regardless of any subsequent results, with progress on the issue. This is not an insignificant point, the Defense Department has expended a substantial amount of money on remains recovery over the past decade, which begs the following question. Are North Korea, Vietnam and Laos truly interested in bilateral cooperation on this issue, or are they using it as a source of badly needed hard currency?

This is especially pertinent concerning the case of North Korea. According to the Congressional research Service, 208 sets of remains were repatriated from North Korea between 1990–96, and 107 sets since 1996 when joint exhumation efforts began. During the period of

Given that only eight sets of remains have been identified as U.S. soldiers, although ten more appear to be so, we have in effect been paying the North Koreans \$400,000 per body, an outrageous sum and certainly not evidence of North Korean "cooperation."

While the Vietnamese were not quite so brazen in their profiteering on the MIA issue, there is considerable evidence that they maintained a mortuary storehouse of sorts of U.S. remains, and doled these out over time. Most analysts, including those at the Library of Congress, agree that if this did occur, the supply of stored bodies was depleted in the early 1990s.

Regrettably, in its rush to normalize relations with Vietnam, the Clinton administration decided to overlook any evidence that Hanoi was holding back on cooperation or attempting to profit from it. This pattern was later repeated when the administration sought the establishment of trade relations. The opportunity to use trade and recognition as leverage to achieve faster results on the MIA issue was lost.

I am optimistic about our new President and his commitment to the POW/MIA issue. In a refreshing break from the past eight years, I expect that the Bush administration will adopt a more traditional stance towards Vietnam and North Korea on the POW/MIA issue. At the very least, I expect to see a higher standard applied towards determining whether or not those countries are cooperating and acting in good faith on this matter.

The new president has demonstrated a proven commitment to this important issue, and his relevant appointments to the State and Defense departments, including the new head of DPMO, Jerry Jennings, have the policy background to provide greater integration of the POW/MIA issue into our relations with Southeast Asia and North Korea.

On this point, I believe that Vietnam is the lynchpin that will determine the success or failures of any future endeavors. The Vietnamese are the key to gaining more information from both Laos and Cambodia on missing personnel. Moreover, the Vietnamese, despite recent certifications to the contrary, realize that there is much more they can do on this issue. On the issue of documentation alone, there is far more they can provide than what they have offered up to this point.

The Bush administration is in a much stronger position with regards to North Korea. This country has a far greater need for hard currency than Vietnam, and our new President is unlikely to continue the policy of outright appeasement on both nuclear power/weapons development and MIA remains recovery. It will be interesting to see how the white house approaches North Korea on these issues.

I believe we in Congress also have a role to play regarding North Korea. We need to have the new administration press the North Koreans harder on the issue of prisoner transfers to the USSR during and after the Korean war, as well as the matter of the possibility of live Americans still being held by P'yongyang. While this possibility, if it still exists, becomes more remote with each passing year, the escapes of several South Korean veterans of the 1950–53 war in recent years means this cannot be totally discounted. If any Americans are still being held in captivity in North Korea, and we know that four defectors/deserters still reside there, they should have the opportunity to return home before they die.

It is my hope that our bilateral relations can improve and will lead to a further clarification regarding the safe return of any living POW's who may still be in captivity in Korea or elsewhere.

Americans should always remember the love of country that America's veterans have shown as well as their personal sacrifices, courage, convictions and dedication to freedom that these individuals have exhibited.

To quote a portion of President Abraham Lincoln's letter to a mother who lost five sons on the battlefield: "I cannot refrain from tendering to you the thanks of the republic they

died to save. I pray that our heavenly father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

May it be of some solace to the families and loved ones of our missing and POW's that there are many of us in the Congress committed to a full and final accounting of our missing.

In light of recent events in New York City, we hope that we will not be faced with a future POW/MIA issue from any resulting military action that we may undertake in Southern Asia.

HONORING MARTI DUPREY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and acknowledge the selfless contributions of an extremely important member of our community. Ms. Marti Duprey has spent the majority of her life caring for and helping others. She has continuously put the well being of others ahead of her own.

Ms. Duprey, a Catholic nun, moved to Glenwood Springs, Colorado in 1973 after having spent eighteen years working with the Rev. Jesse Jackson's "Operation Breadbasket" in Chicago. Her education, consisting of Bachelor's Degrees in education and social work and a Master's Degree in counseling, provided her with the proper tools for her work with the community of Glenwood Springs ever since. She provides three very important functions for the residents of Glenwood Springs. Whether it is her involvement in the Defiance Community Theatre, her counseling in the Helping Hands Grief Group or as Program Manager for Mountain Valley Weavers, she unselfishly helps others find ways of expressing themselves in a more self-reliant manner and provides them with outlets that will increase their confidence and happiness.

Marti Duprey provides very important services for the grieving, the disabled and many other members of her community. Her compassion for others makes her a truly valuable member of the Glenwood Springs community. I would like to recognize Ms. Marti Duprey for her wonderful efforts and contributions that have touched the lives of so many. Her acts of care and compassion deserve our recognition and I would like to extend my best wishes and warm regards to her for many years to come.

TRIBUTE TO DR. RONALD T. FARRAR

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Ronald T. Farrar of South Carolina, on the occasion of his retirement from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Farrar is the epitome of what a

college professor should be, and he is respected and loved by faculty and students alike.

In 1986, Dr. Farrar became a professor of history, media law and introduction to journalism at the University of South Carolina, until assuming the position of interim dean in July of 1999. Dr. Farrar's career achievements speak for his dedicated service as an extraordinary college professor, teacher, administrator, mentor, and respected member of the media.

After earning his Ph.D. in Journalism History from the University of Missouri in 1965, Dr. Farrar went on to serve as a professor/chairman in the journalism departments of Indiana University, Southern Methodist University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Farrar served as a reporter, news editor, general manager and circulation manager of the Arkansas Democrat, Daily Press, Arkansas Gazette, and Daily Iowan newspapers. From 1957 to 1958, he served as 2nd Lieutenant of the U.S. Army.

Along with the many articles Dr. Farrar has authored and published, he has written such books as "Reluctant Servant" (Missouri, 1968); "Mass Media and the National Experience", with John D. Stevens (Harper & Row, 1971); "College 101" (Peterson's Guides, 1985, 1988); "Mass Communication: An Introduction to the Field" (West, 1988; Brown, 1995); "The Ultimate College Profession: Walter Williams, Journalist to the World" (Missouri, 1998).

Dr. Farrar is deeply respected in the field of journalism and academics. His expertise and talent have earned him commissions to write numerous articles and conduct national studies. He has been awarded various grants and certificates of achievement, including the Distinguished Service Medal for Research in Journalism in 1969 by the Society of Professional Journalists for Reluctant Servant; The Story of Charles G. Ross. From 1971 to 1973, he was a consultant for continuing study of television audiences for the Public Broadcasting System. Faculties for the US government, private sectors and journalistic associations have been privileged to have him serve on their boards.

His long career achievements include award research grants from the Kaltenborn Foundation, U.S. Steel Foundation, Harry S. Truman Library Institute, Indiana Research Foundation, Kentucky Press Association, Kentucky Humanities council, National Endowment for the Humanities, Sigma Delta Chi Foundation, University of Kentucky Research Foundation, University of South Carolina Research Foundation, Southern Regional Education Board, and Freedom forum.

Dr. Farrar was appointed the Reynolds-Faunt memorial Professor in 1986 and held that professorship until his retirement. He will now be recognized as Professor Emeritus.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Ronald T. Farrar for the incredible service he has provided through a lifetime in the academic community. I sincerely thank him for his outstanding contributions, congratulate him on his recent retirement, and wish him good luck and Godspeed in his future endeavors.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER ROBERT
STEPHEN BOUDREAU**HON. FELIX J. GRUCCI, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GRUCCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the retirement of a fine New York City Firefighter, Robert Stephen Boudreau.

On April 11, 1942, in the small village of Gaytons, New Brunswick, Canada, Robert Stephen Boudreau was born to Mary and Joseph. He was the youngest of four sons. Bob grew up in Canada and came to the United States in the early 1960's. From 1964–1966 he served as a Military Policeman in the Continental Headquarters Command of the United States Army. On September 24, 1967, Judy Weider and Bob were married.

A year later, November 30, 1968, Bob became a proud member of the New York City Fire Department. His first assignment was Ladder Company 47 in the Bronx and then College Point in Queens. Bob was promoted to Lieutenant on April 2, 1983 and was a covering officer for a year in Battalion 34 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn. From there, Engine Company 238 in Greenpoint became his permanent assignment. On October 31, 1989, Bob was promoted to Captain, where he was on covering assignments in Division 10 before becoming a member of Engine 270 in Richmond Hill. Prior to his retirement, Bob served at Engine 302 and Ladder 155 in South Ozone Park, Queens. Although his love for the Fire Department will never waiver, Bob officially retired on July 8, 2001, after spending close to 33 years on the department. Today, September 22, 2001, members of every firehouse Bob has served in come together to celebrate his accomplishments and to cheer him on to his retirement.

During their marriage, Bob and Judy were blessed with three beautiful daughters: Kimberly Anne, Denise Marie, and on Valentine's Day 1976, Danielle Valerie joined their family. In 1995, Bob welcomed two "sons" to the family when Denise married Tom Scott and Kimberly married Steven Goldberg. Bob will soon be welcoming another "son" to the family, when Danielle and Alan DeLellis marry. After raising three daughters, Bob became the grandfather of Evan James on March 15, 1999, and twins, Dylan Thomas and Ryan Gerard on July 19, 2001, and he and Judy look forward to yet another grandchild in February. Bob's greatest loves are his family and friends, and the time he has spent serving as a New York City Firefighter.

COMMENDING THE STUDENTS,
TEACHERS, PARENTS AND SUP-
PORT STAFF OF SUZANNE MID-
DLE SCHOOL**HON. GARY G. MILLER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the students, teachers, parents, and support staff of Suzanne Middle School on being named a 2001 California Distinguished School.

Suzanne Middle School, located in Walnut, California, is part of the Walnut Valley School District. Home to 1,300 sixth, seventh, and eighth-graders, its student body is representative of California's diverse culture. But despite the various backgrounds represented, each student is expected to contribute a learning environment which demands high expectations.

The teachers and staff of this school are committed to giving "whatever it takes" to meet the needs of their students. This goal frequently requires involving the parents and community in school activities.

The combination of high expectations for students, committed teachers and staff, and parental involvement has made Suzanne Middle School one of America's Distinguished Schools.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM E. MARTIN,
POSTHUMOUS RECIPIENT OF THE
JERSEY CITY EDUCATION ASSO-
CIATION'S LOUIS T. SCIALLI ME-
MORIAL AWARD**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the late William E. Martin, a posthumous recipient of the Jersey City Education Association's Louis T. Scialli Memorial Award. A special ceremony remembering the achievements and accomplishments of Mr. Martin will take place on September 25, 2001, at the Meadowlands Crowne Plaza in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Youth outreach and community service initiatives were always top priorities in William Martin's life. In 1946, Archbishop Boland, the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, appointed him Director of the CYO Center in Hudson County, New Jersey. While at CYO, he established one of the largest day camps in the state, with over 1,000 children participating in his youth programs.

In 1956, William Martin began his distinguished career with the United Way Foundation, serving as President of the United Way in Hudson County. During his tenure, Mr. Martin was instrumental in establishing over 30 Tri-State United Way agencies. As a result of his hard work and dedication, United Way now provides social services in over 700 communities throughout the Tri-State area, lending assistance to over 8 million people a year.

Beyond his administrative duties, William Martin also served as an Ambassador for the United Way Foundation. In 1988, he was chosen by this peers to set up United Way services in Beijing, China and Hong Kong. In addition, he assisted in the implementation of United Way services in Vietnam, Pakistan, Egypt, and the Philippines.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring William Martin for his distinguished service and diligent efforts on behalf of the residents of Hudson County, New Jersey.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LEE
SPERRY**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, the State of Colorado is growing at a tremendous pace and it requires sincere dedication and knowledge to help manage such expansion. After sixteen years of service to the people of Delta County as a member of the Planning Commission, Lee Sperry has decided to hand in his resignation. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the important contributions that Lee has made and thank him for his years of service.

A lot has changed since Lee first joined the Planning Commission. Ideas of unbridled growth have been tempered with concerns of open land preservation. Throughout this fundamental change, Lee has always attempted to maintain a balanced perspective between the county's master plan and the desires of the public seeking to live out their goals and dreams. Lee has a keen interest in ensuring that the common person is not overlooked in deliberations.

Mr. Speaker, as we wrestle with the issue of growth in Colorado, Lee Sperry has done an outstanding job shepherding that process for over sixteen years. He has truly helped to preserve the heritage of Colorado while allowing it to progress into the future judiciously. It is with great appreciation that I recognize Lee today and I extend my warmest regards to him upon his retirement and wish him many happy years to come.

HONORING THE CATHOLIC-JEWISH
COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEW
JERSEY ON SIGNING AN INTER-
FAITH AGREEMENT OF UNDER-
STANDING AND COOPERATION**HON. JIM SAXTON**

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to recognize the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey as among the first in the nation to create a formal Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation between their faith communities.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Camden, Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Tri-County Board of Rabbis have committed themselves to eliminating all forms of anti-Semitism, anti-Catholicism, racism and religious intolerance, and in promoting mutual understanding.

In the spirit of their respective traditions, this Agreement affirms the continuing commitment of these two communities to uphold and observe the right of every human being to freedom of religion and conscience.

We believe this Agreement is a shining example of a sound and lasting basis for continuing development of interfaith cooperation.

We join the members of both the Catholic and Jewish communities worldwide in expressing appreciation to the efforts of the Catholic-Jewish Commission to build a bridge of faith and peace.

Mr. Speaker, please join us in congratulating the Catholic-Jewish Commission of Southern New Jersey on their historic achievements and the signing of their interfaith Agreement of Understanding and Cooperation.

IN MEMORY OF EDITH FINLAYSON

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Wisconsin lost a true friend on Wednesday, with the passing of Edith Finlayson.

Edith was a self-made woman, an outstanding example for my daughters and for all young women. She was the daughter of a Baptist minister, and she drew on her faith for strength and guidance throughout her life. She earned a nursing degree and pursued advanced education in nursing administration.

Edith and her husband William moved to Milwaukee in 1958. She became the first African American nurse at Milwaukee's Veterans Administration hospital. Her talents and hard work won her the position of head nurse in the hospital's paraplegic unit.

When her own health failed, Edith left the VA hospital, but she did not retire. Instead, she began a long and illustrious second career as what our hometown newspaper aptly described as a "professional volunteer." Wisconsin's governor appointed Edith to the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents in 1980, and she represented the children of our community for decades with caring and distinction. Edith's dedicated leadership contributed immeasurably to the decision to bring doctoral programs to the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee. She was also an active steward of institutions including the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee Area Technical College, the National Council of Christians and Jews, the Milwaukee Urban League, the NAACP and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center.

Edith Finlayson exemplified our Nation's finest spirit. She was an American who defined her citizenship not by her place of birth, but by her commitment to the betterment of our community. Though Wisconsin is diminished by her loss, we remain inspired by her example.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK J. TORNETTA

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia at Montgomery Hospital in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on their fifty years of academic and clinical training of nurse anesthetists.

Dr. Tornetta founded the school in 1951 to provide the community with highly educated and clinically competent nurse anesthetists.

Over the past fifty years, the school has graduated over 300 students. The nurse anesthetists from the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia are respected in their various fields and hold many high level positions in academic and administration fields. The school is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia.

A strong academic partnership exists between the La Salle University School of Nursing and the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia. This partnership has also received a one million dollar grant through the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.

The Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia has been a premier institution at Montgomery Hospital for fifty years. It has developed a long tradition of excellence and a highly regarded reputation. Our community is very fortunate to have such an outstanding educational presence in the health care field in our area. I am honored to celebrate this special day with the Frank J. Tornetta School of Anesthesia.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL E. RIO ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable civil servant and protector of the public. I would like to honor Chief Michael E. Rio on his retirement from the Chicago Ridge Police Department and to pay tribute to his many years of service to the officers and citizens of the village of Chicago Ridge. Chief Rio retired from service to the department on August 31, 2001.

Chief Rio is a 31-year veteran of the Chicago Ridge Police Department. Hired as a patrol officer in 1970, he had risen to the rank of Detective and then was appointed Chief in August of 1987. He was the first member of the Chicago Ridge Police Department to attend the prestigious FBI national academy. His dedication, excellence, and courage can be seen through the numerous awards and commendations he has received, including two Awards of Valor for his actions in life-threatening incidents. Also, during his many years of service, Chief Rio has been instrumental in reforming the Chicago Ridge Police Department, making it one of the most state-of-the-art facilities around.

Chief Rio is well regarded by his family and the community for his personal character, honesty, and integrity. He is a father of four children, Linda, Joseph, Michelle, and Michael Jr., as well as the proud grandfather of six.

Mr. Speaker, as Chief Rio leaves behind a long and rich history at the Chicago Ridge Police Department, I would ask that my colleagues join me in honoring this great man.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM E. LEONARD

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and honor the

accomplishments of the Honorable William E. Leonard, the father of the Honorable Bill Leonard, member of the California Assembly, 63rd District.

Mr. Leonard earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UC Berkeley in 1944, and served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 where he rose to the rank of First Lieutenant. After his military service, he joined his father at the Leonard Realty & Building Company. He served as a member of the California State Highway Commission from 1973 to 1977, and was appointed to the California Transportation Commission from 1985 to 1993, and served as its chair in 1990 and 1991. Prior to that he was a member of the state's Athletic Commission from 1956 to 1958. He currently serves on the state's High-Speed Rail Authority.

Mr. Leonard has been actively involved in a number of community organizations. He is a member and past director of the San Bernardino Host Lions, a founding member and president of Inland Action, Inc., and a member of the National Orange Show Board of Directors, where he has served as President and Chairman of the Board of Governors. He is also a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino. He served on the San Bernardino Valley Board of Realtors, San Bernardino Valley Foundation, St. Bernadine's Hospital Foundation, and the University of California at Riverside Foundation.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the people of the State of California, and his involvement in bringing the Foothill Freeway to the Inland Empire, the California State Senate passed a resolution naming the interchange of I-15 and Route 210 as the William E. Leonard Interchange. A dedication ceremony took place on July 20, 2001.

Mr. Leonard's exemplary record of service has earned the admiration and respect of those who have had the privilege of working with him. I would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments and thank him for the service he has provided to his community.

HONORING JOSEPH JURKULAK

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a very caring and considerate individual who recently passed away. Joseph Jurkulak was a modest man who gave so much to the children of his community. Mr. Jurkulak was Glenwood Springs, Colorado's "Secret Santa" for the last nineteen years. He died in his home in Glenwood Springs at the age of 86.

In 1965, Mr. Jurkulak and his wife Ann moved from Denver to Glenwood Springs after Joseph retired as a construction superintendent. He was a loving husband and father but will be remembered by most for his generosity to the children of his community. In the early 1980s, Joe joined the Toys for Tots project and began collecting and fixing used toys. These toys became the highlight of many children's Christmas celebration after they were distributed by local police departments. He asked the police to keep his identity anonymous so that the department would receive

credit for the gifts. For nineteen years, he made sure that not one child in his community went without a Christmas gift.

Mr. Speaker, Joseph Jurkulak will certainly be missed by his family and community. He dedicated his retired life to bringing smiles to youngsters throughout Glenwood Springs. I extend my deepest regrets and warmest regards to Joseph's family and friends during this time of mourning.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. SCOTT for their hard work and willingness to work together to find a common ground on the Juvenile Justice Bill which includes an important crime study provision.

The crime study provision, which I offered during subcommittee mark-up, directs the National Institute of Justice to conduct a crime study on gun violence-related injuries and deaths by youth in schools and communities.

This study focuses on the relationship between victims and violent youth; the criminal act and location; and details about the firearm used in the crime.

The purpose of this provision is to examine this data and develop new ways to prevent violence in our schools.

Today school violence is reported simply as an act of violence. There is not a focus on what kind of firearm was used; or if there was a relationship between the victim and the culprit.

Let's be honest here, when kids are killing kids—we should be doing everything we can to prevent it. We should be figuring out the links between violent acts so we can put measures in place to stop them. A very real and easy way to prevent these tragedies is to see what is happening where and when.

If we continue to turn a blind eye to violence in our schools we will never be able to put an end to their violence.

Our children need and deserve to feel safe in their schools. Let's work together and give them back their schools.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have this important provision as part of the Juvenile Justice bill and I urge all my colleagues to support the overall bill.

“THE TRUE AMERICA”

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, last week, our country, this community, was struck by tragedy. We lost family and friends, firefighters and police, loved ones and heroes. For our families, we offer our prayers. For President Bush, Major Giuliani, and Governor Pataki, we

offer our thanks. For the cowards who committed these atrocities, we submit our resolve.

On Friday, the President asked me to join with him at ground zero. In the wreckage of the World Trade Center, we saw a place of war . . . but also a place of great hope.

We saw, we smelled, we heard the signs of war: twisted metal . . . shattered windows . . . acrid, smoking ruins. As our Air Force jet passed, the clouds were low, and smoke billowed from the wreckage below, casting a gray shroud over lower Manhattan.

But amidst the devastation, we also saw the signs of the true America.

As our motorcade drove slowly down the west side highway, the clouds broke, and the sun shined brightly on the Statue of Liberty, reflecting the very best of our country.

Amidst the devastation, rescue workers planted small American flags, in their battered helmets.

They were weary from digging to save lives for three days, yet still able to raise their arms high and shout, “USA, USA, USA” when our President arrived.

I met our neighbors—one from East Islip, the other from Huntington Station—who had been working in that rubble since the calamity struck, defiantly insisting on hope with every brick they moved. I salute them and all of our unsung heroes who continue to provide comfort in a time of tragedy and save lives in a time of war.

Ladies and gentlemen, that is the America that was in my mind later that night, after I returned to Washington, and voted to give our President the authority he needs to protect the freedoms we hold so dear, the freedoms our Constitution offers us in its very first words, the Preamble:

“To establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.”

We didn't choose this fight. It chose us. And now we have no choice but to respond for the lives lost . . . and to preserve a uniquely American way of life:

Americans saw blood . . . and then lined up for hours to give it.

We saw disaster . . . but not defeat.

We felt fear . . . but now we join together in faith.

Our American democracy built by Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Lincoln will not be weakened by cowardly terrorists.

As Alexis de Touquville said over a century ago: “Americans are great—because they are good.” And we know well that good always triumphs over evil.

Ladies and gentlemen, that night, when I cast my vote on the Floor of the House to authorize the use of force, I was conscious of all these things.

And I was aware of the fact that sixty years before, from that very same place, President Roosevelt summoned America into a monumental crusade against evil. We remember his speech, calling that day one of “infamy.” But I want to leave you with other words he proclaimed in the very same speech:

“With confidence in our armed forces—with unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God.”

We triumphed then. We will triumph now. So help us God.

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 TRAGEDY
IN AMERICA

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, since September 11, we are solemnly reminded each day what it means to be a firefighter. Like so many others in public life they serve the community, but they do so at great risk of peril to their own health and lives.

So I am particularly pleased and proud to rise today in recognition of the careers of two distinguished firefighters from Sterling Heights, Michigan upon their retirement and as they embark upon a new phase of their lives.

Captain Kerry Wolgast began his firefighting career in Sterling Heights in 1979. Since then, he has obtained numerous certifications ranging from Hazardous Materials First Responder to Terrorism Awareness. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1994, and then to Captain in January of this year. He retired on September 17, 2001. Fire Inspector Andy Wallace began his career in Sterling Heights in 1980. Inspector Wallace has also obtained numerous certifications ranging from Criminal Justice Training to Fire and Arson investigation. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1995 and Fire Inspector in 1997. He will retire on January 16, 2002.

We are grateful for the service Captain Wolgast and Inspector Wallace have provided the community and citizens of Sterling Heights over their long careers. Both have served the public well and have received letters of thanks and commendation from the community in response.

I send to them and to their families my best wishes for a healthy, happy and productive retirement.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARME-
NIA'S INDEPENDENCE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Armenia's independence from the Soviet Union. This anniversary marks an important turning point for Armenia and an opportunity to highlight the U.S.-Armenia relationship. As our country continues to mourn the victims of last Tuesday's tragic attacks, so too do the Armenian people. Armenian President Robert Kocharian expressed his condolences to President Bush along with an offer to send experienced rescue workers to help the relief efforts in New York and at the Pentagon. The government of Armenia also pledged to support America's anti-terrorist campaign.

Since the dawn of history, Armenians have held to their land despite repeated occupations, oppression and genocide. They have retained their distinct heritage, language, culture and religion. In fact, this year Armenia—the first Christian nation—celebrates its 1700th anniversary of Christianity and as part of the celebration, the Pope will visit Armenia.

On September 21, 1991, with the fall of the Soviet Union, the long awaited dream of an independent Armenia became a reality as the Armenian people held a referendum to decide their future. An extraordinary 94 percent of Armenia's eligible voters turned out to support independence. I might note that one of our colleagues, the gentleman from Wisconsin, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, was in Armenia on this historic occasion.

Although the Republic of Armenia struggles against the impact of an ongoing blockade by its neighbors to the east and west, which has devastated the economy, Armenia continues to make economic strides. Armenia also continues to reach out to its neighbors without preconditions. Unfortunately, Armenia's numerous proposals—from opening borders, restoration of rail and road links in the Caucasus, energy swaps, agreeing to the U.S. proposal to open mutual information centers in Turkey and Armenia among others—have all been rejected.

I am pleased to note that some progress has been made in promoting improved Armenian-Turkish relations with the recent establishment of the Turkish-Armenian Reconciliation Commission (TARC). The commission is an important step toward fostering a new era of mutual understanding and good will between Armenians and Turks. This commission provides a forum for direct dialogue to address issues that continue to divide the people of Armenia and Turkey.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." Armenia, like many other countries of the former Soviet Union, is still struggling to overcome many obstacles, but I believe it is headed in the right direction. And with the ongoing support of the United States, we can ensure that Armenia's young democracy will flourish. I am confident that the strong and natural bonds that exist between our two countries and peoples will continue to grow and become stronger in the years to come. God bless America and God Bless Armenia.

HONORING KERN COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS

HON. WILLIAM M. THOMAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the real contributions of many individuals from California's 21st District to the relief effort because of the horrible tragedy on September 11, 2001. I am continually encouraged by the courageous and unselfish acts of our communities.

Over the past week, a tireless and dedicated crew of 11 firefighters from Kern County in California has helped with the rescue and cleanup efforts at the Pentagon. Facing long days of work in a stressful environment, they kept their resolve. The display of internal fortitude by these heroes serves as a great example of generosity and selflessness.

I would like to express my appreciation to Steve Gage, Keven Harper, Nick Dunn, Ken Stevens, Bob Clinoff, Bob Lehtreck, Dean Clason, Pat Caprioli, Steve Shoemaker, Jim Scritchfield, and Dan Kleinman for all their

hard work in assisting with the rescue and recovery efforts at the Pentagon. I would also like to thank their families for the sacrifices they also endured during these uncertain times.

I am extremely proud of these firefighters and our communities for the compassion shown to the victims of this horrific act of terrorism. The blood, sweat, and tears shed throughout our history in the quest for life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness have never been in vain. That is why I am certain the American people will rise to the occasion and triumph in these most trying of times. Together, there are no difficulties we cannot overcome as the greatest example of freedom and democracy in the world.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS STANDS STRONG FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the citizens of the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands (CNMI) for their support of the United States Armed Forces. In particular, I want to thank the members of the House of Representatives of the CNMI and their Speaker, Ben Fitial. Recently, that body passed a resolution, authored by Speaker Fitial, calling for the U.S. Navy's continued use of Farallon de Medinilla Island for essential training exercises.

Of all the targets in the Western Pacific available to forward deployed U.S. units, only Farallon de Medinilla offers the target fidelity, access and maneuver space required to maintain the Navy's war-fighting capabilities. Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin of the U.S. Navy has said that "Farallonde Medinilla . . . plays a special and unique role in national defense. Its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the CNMI."

The men and women in our military need places like Farallon de Medinilla in order to keep our forces the most effective in the world. Shutting them down will cost lives. But Puerto Rico's highly publicized and successful effort to end Navy training on its Vieques Island has inspired activists elsewhere to press for an end to military training in their backyard. Small groups of military extremists are now agitating for removal of U.S. military operations at Farallon de Medinilla Island and in Okinawa. Not only am I concerned about the implications of those efforts for our military readiness, but I am concerned that if successful, these efforts will ultimately encourage domestic pressure for removal of military operations which in any way inconvenience nearby residents. At this time of national crisis, we simply cannot afford to lose our most critical military training sites.

Unlike the situation in Puerto Rico, though, the overwhelming majority of residents and indeed the leaders of CNMI have not jumped on the political bandwagon to force the U.S. out. They are standing up to those fringe elements,

because they recognize that freedom isn't free, and that with the benefits of being part of the U.S. territories come some responsibilities.

The tragic terrorist events in New York and Washington, D.C., show us once again, that we cannot just turn our military on like a light switch. To ensure peace, our military must always be prepared for the horrible reality of war. They must always maintain the people, the equipment and most important, the training to ensure that they prevail when a challenge arises. We thank Speaker Fitial for taking the initiative in confirming the commitment of the CNMI people to our fighting forces and all the citizens of the United States. As we enter the battle against terrorism around the world, it is heartening to have the CNMI people standing by our side. They have been there in times of peace, and they will be with us in the new war against terrorism.

DR. FREDERICK G. SAMPSON II CELEBRATES 50TH YEAR AS A MINISTER

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend Dr. Frederick G. Sampson II, pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, as he marks two very important milestones in his illustrious career. In addition to celebrating his 50th year as a minister, Dr. Sampson reaches his 30th anniversary as pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

Dr. Sampson has an extensive educational background, holding degrees in both Behavioral Science and the Theological Sciences. Dr. Sampson, an avid lecturer at colleges and universities throughout our country, is also the annual keynote speaker for various Congresses, Fellowships, Conventions, Councils, Coalitions, Advisory Boards, and Community Outreach Programs all over this country. During his career, Dr. Sampson has pastored various congregations all over the country, and has served on commissions and boards with the aim of fighting crime, improving education, and bringing a higher level of consciousness to our community.

Dr. Sampson's many endeavors to enrich life at all levels of society have also led him to teaching, preaching, and studying mission all over the world. Dr. Sampson deserves praise for his rich, multi-national service record, including his leadership and participation in the Human Rights struggle. Once again, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending Dr. Sampson on his outstanding achievements.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we passed H.R. 1900, the Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Authorization Act,

which I support and am pleased to have a hand in shaping.

According to government statistics, juveniles accounted for 17% of all arrests and 16% of all violent crime arrests in 1999. Moreover, in that same year, 2.5 million children under the age of 18 were arrested.

We must not be complacent about these figures. Too many young people get involved in criminal activity, and we must do all we can to prevent juveniles from engaging in such activities.

H.R. 1900 is a bipartisan effort to improve the juvenile justice system and give maximum flexibility to states and local communities in preventing and reducing juvenile crime.

I applaud Representative GREENWOOD and Representative SCOTT for putting together a bill that has garnered such wide bipartisan support.

I am particularly pleased, that because of an amendment I successfully offered in committee, this bill keeps research and statistical analysis within the National Institute of Juvenile Justice. It is imperative that we not lose our focus on early prevention and this is best accomplished by committing this work to a separate agency.

I am also pleased that an amendment Representative MCCARTHY and I offered in committee requiring a study be conducted on gun violence-related injuries and deaths by youth in schools and communities was later incorporated in this bill as well.

This study will focus on the relationship between victims and violent youth; the criminal act and location; and the types of weapons being used. By learning the source of the problem, we can find and develop ways to prevent future violence.

There is much more that we can do to prevent juvenile crime. However, this bill represents a good start and I am happy to support it. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRST AND
SECOND GRADERS AT CHICAGO'S
JOSEFA ORTIZ DE DOMINGUEZ
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the members of 2000–2001 first and second grade classes of the Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School in Chicago, Illinois.

I am proud to say that these young students are award-winning scientists. Earlier this year,

they earned the Unisys Prize for their outstanding use of the Internet as a tool in science investigation. Their project was entitled, "El Agua Trabaja! How Water Benefits Quality of Life in Chicago's Little Village."

In collaboration with the Chicago Academy of Sciences and Friends of the Chicago River, the 2000–2001 first and second grade students of Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School explored how the science of water benefits their Chicago neighborhood of Little Village. Specifically, these young scientists studied the water cycle, the three principal forms of water and ways to filter water to better understand how water and the Chicago River benefit their community. Using the Internet as their primary tool, the students shared what they learned by posting their scientific findings, personal journals, watercolor pictures and poetry on the Web.

I applaud the 2000–2001 first and second grade students of Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez Elementary School for their creativity and innovation while executing their scientific investigation. I believe these students also benefited greatly from the guidance of their teachers and the support of their families when they were awarded with such an outstanding science award. "El Agua Trabaja" or "Water Works" is now a bilingual web site explaining the experiments, facts and figures associated with the importance of water in everyday lives.

I am pleased to recognize the 2000–2001 first and second grade students who took part in this endeavor. The students in Ms. Nidsa LaLuz' class include Jaime Aguilar, Jesenia Avelar, Raul Cordova, Roxana Delgado, Juan Deluna, Alejandro Galvan, Amairan Galvan, Luis Garcia, Rosio Garcia, Keli Hernandez, Erick Martinez, Diego Nava, Israel Navarro, Jose Pena, Jorge Ramirez, Denisse Ruiz, Erwin Ruiz, Francisco Ruiz, Leonardo Sanchez, Maria Sosa, Sergio Vega,

I wish all of these students, their teachers and parents continued success in their endeavors and I thank them for supporting and promoting the interest of young minds in science and technology.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 2586) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities

of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes:

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Chairman, this amendment would extend the opportunity to vote in the November 2002 federal elections through the electronic voting system proposed by this bill to uniformed services personnel from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. These voters are from Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the District of Columbia who are currently serving away from their homes as active duty military personnel. The Department of Defense estimates that nearly 15,000 uniformed services personnel would become eligible to participate in the system as a result of this amendment. In addition, it would grant spouses and eligible dependents of these uniformed services personnel the ability to participate as well.

The voting system under this bill is intended to facilitate and demonstrate a more efficient and convenient system that would increase voter participation among U.S. military service personnel stationed around the world. My amendment allows access to this voting system for all eligible military personnel regardless of where they may be registered to vote.

I appreciate the support of Military Personnel Subcommittee Chairman McHugh and urge your support for my amendment, which protects and extends the voting rights of our men and women in uniform from the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

TRIBUTE TO CARDINAL HAYES
HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Cardinal Hayes High School, a treasured Bronx learning institution that celebrated its 60th anniversary September 23, 2001.

Cardinal Hayes High School was built and organized by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman between September of 1940 and September of 1941. Its original student body consisted of over 3000 students who attended this institution in the original building, now deemed the Main Building on the small, elegant campus.

Mr. Speaker, Cardinal Hayes High School has consistently provided exceptional academic and religious guidance for generations of young men from the Bronx and Manhattan. This unique school has been staffed since its

beginning by Archdiocesan Priests, Irish Christian Brothers, De La Salle Brothers, Franciscan Brothers and Priests, Marist Brothers, Xaverian brothers, Religious Sisters and scores of dedicated laymen and laywomen. Current members of this devoted staff are responsible for a 99 percent graduation rate. 96 percent of all Cardinal Hayes High School students go on to study at a college or university.

It must be noted also that Cardinal Hayes High School is one of a just few schools in the New York metropolitan area operating as a Cisco Networking Academy. This accreditation allows the school to provide a two-year course of study that prepares students for CCNA certification. CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate) is a highly-regarded certification of networking and internetworking skills.

Mr. Speaker, young men from all walks of life make up the Cardinal Hayes student body. These young men learn, work, play, and worship with one another while providing mutual support and comradeship as well. I take pride in saying that my son, Jose, graduated from Cardinal Hayes and remembers his high school alma mater fondly.

I am very proud to acknowledge this learning institution that has produced so many outstanding men that have, no doubt, gone on to benefit society. I ask my colleagues to please join me in celebrating 60 years of first-rate academic, social, and spiritual instruction in the heart of the Bronx at CHHS.

RECOGNIZING MS. JULIE ANN CRIPE

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on being named Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International, at the 79th Annual meeting being held in Williamsburg, Virginia, the week of September 22, 2001.

Financial Women International (FWI) is a professional association of women working together to achieve success in the financial services industry. Since its creation, Financial Women International has worked to empower women in all segments of the financial industry to attain their professional, economic, and personal goals. The association consists of more than 8,000 members representing the United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, and Mexico.

Ms. Cripe has been active in FWI since 1979, serving as President on the local and state levels before accepting positions at the international level. Aside from her work with the association, Ms. Cripe, is currently President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., where under her leadership the bank has grown rapidly to become one of the largest locally owned banks in Houston. Ms. Cripe has worked closely with the development of Small Business Administration loans at OMNIBANK, most recently closing a \$25 million dollar loan on a chemical plant in Sherman, Texas.

Along with serving as President and Director of OMNIBANK, N.A., Ms. Cripe has been very active in the Texas Bankers Association and the American Banking Association, particularly serving on the legislative and education com-

mittees. Presently, Ms. Cripe serves on the Board of the Education Foundation for the American Banking Association, and was an excellent spokesperson for the home equity bill.

Ms. Cripe has been an exceptional leader in the community, earning the respect of her peers and associates in the business and civic communities. She has contributed to the betterment of the Houston area, by serving on committees at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center, and the March of Dimes.

Again, I would like to take this time to congratulate Ms. Julie Ann Cripe on becoming Chairperson of the Board of Financial Women International and wish her continued success.

HONORING CHRISTIAN HEALTH CARE CENTER'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MARGE ROUKEMA

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mrs. ROUKEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Christian Health Care Center for its 90th anniversary of service and care to northern New Jersey. The Christian Health Care Center, located in the town of Wyckoff, offers care for the elderly as well as short and long-term mental health services. All of this is done in a wonderful environment, led by Christian principles. Founded in 1911 and currently under the outstanding leadership of President and CEO Doug Struyk, the Center has evolved into dynamic and caring organization with state-of-the-art facilities, serving the surrounding community for generations. This weekend, the Center will have the opportunity to celebrate its accomplishments and stories of the past 90 years.

The mission of the Christian Health Care Center speaks to the good work done at this facility. The Center provides a continuum of high quality services consistent with the Christian principles on which the institution was founded. Long term care and mental health care are offered, as well as residential living in a compassionate loving environment. The Center consists of a 251 bed skilled nursing home, a 40 unit supportive senior housing complex, a residential living facility and a psychiatric hospital. Recently, construction was completed on an on-site day care center for the Center's care-providers. The Longview assisted living facility was also newly finished, which allowed the residential community to welcome an additional 80 residents to these state-of-the-art facilities. Such a tremendous number of lives are touched through the Christian Health Care Center.

This number also includes the friends and families of residents, for they can rest assured that their loved ones are in good hands with complete care. If you meet even one member of the staff at the Center or hear even one story from a resident, you will understand that the staff here is truly doing God's work-everyday. The philosophy by which the Center operates further testifies to this caring Christian spirit of the community: "the staff of nurses, doctors, program directors, aides and all others at the Center give unselfishly so that all of

our residents and patients know that they are cared for and loved." Their personal touch in caring for the elderly has moved many.

I speak from personal experience. My beloved mother, Margaret Scafati, was cared for with compassion and professionalism of the highest caliber at the Center. For this I am truly grateful.

Under the excellent guidance of Mr. Struyk and the caring of the wonderful employees, the Christian Health Care Center will continue to shine as one of the finest care facilities of its kind in our nation. This weekend we celebrate 90 years of excellence and look forward to many more. Our hearts and prayers are with those involved with this wonderful center.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID FREEMYER

HON. JAMES V. HANSEN

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to share with the House and America, a statement by my friend David Freemyer. David is 9 years old and sent me the following speech about the tragedies of September 11, 2001.

"As we all know on September 11, 2001 terrorists hijacked four of our airplanes and crashed two of them into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon and one crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. This event has brought sadness to everyone and death to thousands of people. I ask myself why would anyone want to do such a thing. We have done no harm to any other country.

Not only have we done no harm, but we have helped all the countries that need our help and will still help any country that needs our help. We donate food and water and anything a country needs. And yet very few times has a country helped us. I'm not saying that all the other countries are bad. I'm just saying that just because we have a very strong military and that our country is very powerful that doesn't mean that we can do everything on our own. I have great respect for all the people from other countries that took time to go to church and pray for our country.

God Bless America!

David A. Freemyer"

I hope all Americans can somehow show their patriotism like my friend David.

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE EICHLER

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great man, George Eichler. Regretfully, George Eichler passed away on Friday, August 17, 2001, but he leaves us with a myriad of memories and lessons derived from his history of service and a legacy of championing important issues.

George was a life-long Democrat and a long-time labor leader in San Antonio. His tireless work on behalf of Democrats and in support of San Antonio working men and women is well recognized and respected within the

Democratic Party. George's dedication to service and his commitment to family and to fatherhood is a shining example of the life we should all aspire to.

His daughter, Vanessa Eichler, said of him "He was the perfect father. Everyone knows him for what he did for labor and the Democratic Party, but he taught us to enjoy life." I believe that through his actions George taught us all a little bit about life and the need to help one another.

George Eichler's involvement in the labor movement saw its beginnings in 1949, when George went to work as a bottle washer at the Pearl Brewery in San Antonio, Texas. Soon after beginning his work there, George joined the International Association of Brewery Workers, and quickly moved up the union leadership ranks to become the Associate Business Agent in 1960. In 1967, the International Association of Brewery Workers joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and George continued his leadership efforts, holding various local, State, and national level positions within the Teamsters organization throughout his career.

It was through his work as a labor leader that George also became well-known for his charitable contributions, selflessly dedicating his time and service to charitable organizations like Goodwill Industries and the United Way. From 1965 through 1974, George continued his commitment to service as Chair of the San Antonio AFL-CIO Council Pines Housing Trust, a program whose outstanding efforts in housing the handicapped was recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These local elderly and handicapped independent living programs are recognized as precursors to national handicapped housing initiatives.

George's work over the years also benefited the local Democratic Party and countless Democratic candidates, as he campaigned tirelessly during each campaign year. He also served as Democratic Precinct Chair, and as such attended many State and National Democratic Conventions.

I am proud to count myself among those who have had the opportunity to know and learn from George Eichler. I know his family will receive some comfort in the knowledge that George's memory will endure among all those he touched throughout his life.

HONORING BERINGER VINEYARDS ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 125th anniversary of Beringer Vineyards, located in St. Helena, Napa Valley, California.

Beringer Vineyards was founded in 1876, when Jacob Beringer and his brother, Frederick purchased a twenty-eight acre vineyard for \$14,500. One hundred and twenty-five years later, the winery is worth in excess of \$1.5 billion and is the oldest continuously operating winery in Napa Valley.

Beringer was not only a pioneer in the California wine industry, it is also a significant factor in the Napa Valley's emergence as one of

the world's premier wine-growing regions. Today, Beringer Vineyards continues its extraordinary tradition of viticulture innovation and winemaking expertise to consistently produce the highest quality wines.

Mr. Speaker, Beringer Vineyards not only produces outstanding wines, but its generosity in the community is unsurpassed. Beringer supports numerous important charities, including civic organizations and youth groups throughout Napa Valley and the State of California. This year, the majority of its donations are being made to Napa Valley Health Charities, which provides critically needed health care services to low-income persons.

To commemorate this important occasion, Winemaker Ed Sbragia, who is celebrating his 25th year as Winemaker at Beringer, has produced a very special 1997 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon from the original "Home Vineyard." As evidence of Beringer's continued tradition of excellence, Mr. Sbragia is the world's only winemaker to have both a red and a white wine named as Wine Spectator magazine's "1 Wine of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, Beringer was where I worked as a young man and I am particularly proud of this tremendous organization. At this time, it is appropriate that we honor and congratulate Beringer Vineyards for its many successes and contributions to our Napa Valley community for the past 125 years.

RECOGNIZING HEAR O' ISRAEL INTERNATIONAL INC.

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, in light of the tragedy that struck our nation September 11, 2001, I believe it's fitting to recognize a valued organization within the Houston community, Hear O' Israel International Inc., which is currently sponsoring its National Mercy, Love and Compassion Month. This month long event is being conducted in conjunction with their ongoing campaign, "Listen to the Cries of the Children." Hear O' Israel works to make a difference in the lives of the physically challenged, the elderly, neglected children, and battered women across Houston. They work to give these men and women a stronger sense of self-worth and instill in them the need to treat others with compassion and respect. National Mercy, Love and Compassion Month has been endorsed by Houston Mayor Lee Brown and every member of the City Council, which further demonstrates the high regard for Hear O' Israel in our community.

Hear O' Israel International Inc., a non-profit, non-denominational organization works to increase public awareness of those that are less fortunate. "Listen to the Cries of the Children" is designed to strengthen unity amongst families and further public awareness of the negative consequences that drug abuse, family violence, child abuse, and gang activity have on children.

National Mercy, Love and Compassion Month is a campaign to call attention to the plight of children who do not have access to adequate food, shelter, clothing, and health care. As a symbol of compassion for suffering children, Hear O' Israel International Inc., en-

courages supporters to adopt a family or an individual in need as a gesture of support in resounding the alarm for those who have been forgotten and many times rejected by our communities.

Again, I would like to recognize Hear O' Israel International Inc., for its efforts to improve and enhance the quality of life for our children, and extend my personal best wishes for a successful and rewarding campaign.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND BOOKER T. SEARS, JR., D.D.

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Reverend Booker T. Sears, a remarkable spiritual counselor and community leader, on his 16th anniversary as Pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church in the Bronx, New York.

Reverend Sears was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina, as the eldest of four children born to the late Dr. and Mrs. Booker T. Sears Sr. Nurtured by a large family, Reverend Sears went on to pursue higher education in his hometown. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy from Benedict College and his Doctorate of Divinity degree from the Columbia Bible Institute. Reverend Sears spent 23 years pasturing congregations in South Carolina before bringing his gifts and compassion to the South Bronx.

Mr. Speaker, since his arrival to New York's religious community 16 years ago, Reverend Sears has left an undeniable mark. He is the Second Vice President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater New York and Vicinity, an active member of the United Missionary Baptist Association, the Empire Missionary Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., the Ministers Prayer Alliance, along with a number of other esteemed religious organizations and community organizations.

The man I am honoring today has been an example of leadership for his congregation and many community members. Worshipers at Goodwill Baptist Church describe Reverend Sears as not only their religious guide, but as their friend, confidant, and teacher.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Reverend Booker T. Sears Jr., D.D. for his 16 years of dedicated service to the Goodwill Baptist Church congregation and South Bronx community.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWARK BETH ISRAEL ON ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey as staff and supporters celebrate 100 years of service to our community. Newark

Beth Israel experienced its humble beginning a century ago, when a small group of women known as the Daughters of Israel raised \$4,000 to open Beth Israel Hospital on the corner of Kinney and High Streets in Newark.

The Beth quickly outgrew its original quarters and moved to its present location in 1928. In the ensuing decades Newark Beth Israel grew and changed in order to adapt to the community's needs, and was the site of numerous medical breakthroughs. During a Founders Day celebration which officially marked the 100th anniversary of the signing of the hospital's original charter, employees and physicians were joined by Paul A. Mertz, Executive Director; Robert Marks, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Lester M. Bornstein, former President of The Beth in signing replicas of the original charter. Victor Parsonnet, M.D., signed a replica of the original charter next to the name of his grandfather, Victor Parsonnet, M.D. Dr. Parsonnet's two grandfathers (the other is Max Danzis, M.D. were among the founders of Newark Beth Israel Hospital in 1901. Lester Bornstein, former President of Newark Beth Israel who served the medical center for 36 years, also signed the charter. The charter is being displayed in the lobby during the Centennial events.

Throughout this year, there will be numerous events scheduled to celebrate the Centennial, including monthly historical displays; a parade in conjunction with the center's Annual Fall Health Fair; a commemorative quilt with the theme "A Century of Caring"; in-hospital theme days, held once a month to celebrate each decade of the 20th century; group outings and contests for employees and physicians; and an Alumni Day to welcome back retired and former employees of the Medical Center. The Centennial celebration will also include several major events: Visionaries in Medicine Science: A Series of Symposia Celebrating the Centennial of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center presenting on the topics "Healthcare and Cultural Diversity," "Cardiovascular Disorders," "Dentistry," "Pediatrics," "Nursing," "Renal Medicine" and "Genetics and Molecular Biology."

Mr. Speaker, in celebration of the important role that The Beth has played in our community throughout the decades, there will be a Centennial Gala at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 6, 2001. Let us join in offering our congratulations and best wishes for continued success to the entire Newark Beth Israel community—the medical and nursing staffs, the ancillary services and administration, the Auxiliary and of course, the many dedicated volunteers who give so generously of their time and talent.

TRIBUTE TO AURELIO VALDEZ

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Aurelio Valdez for over a decade's worth of hard work and community service. For 27 years, Aurelio Valdez strove to improve the lives of an often overlooked segment of our American society, the mentally handicapped.

As the Superintendent of the Corpus Christi State School, Mr. Valdez labored to reconnect the Texas citizenry with the lives of the mentally impaired residents of the school. For 12 years, Mr. Valdez worked as the Superintendent of the Corpus Christi State School, and during that time, he helped to provide normalized living conditions for the school's three hundred eighty-seven resident students.

By helping to change people's perceptions of those suffering from mental illness, Aurelio became not only a respected educator and healer, but an architect of a unified Corpus Christi community.

Aurelio joined the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in 1974, and has received constant praise for his contributions to the improvements in care for those suffering from mental retardation and mental disease. He is noted around the State School as an innovator and a leader. Ray is one of those special people who sees what he is doing less as a job, and more as a labor of love.

A hero in the shadows, Aurelio urged his employees to step into the limelight and take credit for the work he encouraged from them. This life-long caregiver retires not only with the respect and admiration of his colleagues, but with a vow that he will continue to assist the mentally challenged in reaching their goals.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with such a dedicated servant of the people on a number of health and education issues. With his retirement, Corpus Christi and the rest of Texas lose a leader, an inspiring educator, and a shining example of American patriotism.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring a great and generous man, Aurelio Valdez, as he retires from a lifetime of dedicated service to the Coastal Bend, to Texas and to the United States.

THE AMARONE FAMILY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, is my great honor to rise today to pay tribute to a truly amazing family of my hometown neighborhood: the Amarones of New Haven, Connecticut. Now over two hundred strong, the Amarones have long been a legend in the Wooster Square neighborhood and have held the distinction of having the largest family in New Haven since 1938.

Their story begins in 1911 when twenty-one year old Josephine arrived in the United States and met Andrew Amarone on Wooster Street. It was there that they were married and there that they made their home. It was also where their seventeen children were born and where two of their children died. Twenty-two years separates oldest son John from their youngest son Nicolo and one can only imagine the schedule Josephine and Andrew kept. Raising seventeen children through the hardest of economic times, I am still amazed at all they were able to accomplish living on the wages Andrew received as a polisher at Sargents, an architectural hardware factory where many immigrants were employed—averaging between fourteen and twenty five dollars a week.

Throughout this last century, the Amarones have lost a number of their loved ones like Benny who was killed at Iwo Jima for which he was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. Many others will be remembered this weekend when New Haven will be host to an Amarone family reunion where over one hundred and twenty family members from across the United States are expected to attend.

The Amarones are an incredible family with a rich history and a reflection of times past. Generations to come will continue in their strong traditions and will be a bright beacon for the future. In a time when family values are under close scrutiny, it is families like the Amarones that we look to for inspiration. It is my honor and privilege to recognize the Amarone family as they gather to celebrate their first family reunion and to extend my very best wishes to them all.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE VETERANS OF NEW YORK'S SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, on September 17, as the smoke still rose above the site of a terrorist attack on America, I convened a meeting of veterans throughout New York's Second Congressional District. I wanted to hear from them, firsthand, how our Nation should respond at this fateful moment in our history.

I asked for their opinions because these are the men and women who have already seen battle. They have already responded to America's call. They have already paid a price for freedom . . . and many saw their comrades pay an eternal price.

Mr. Speaker, this group of veterans was unified on two essential points which I share with my colleagues in Congress today.

First, the American people, the Congress, and the administration must provide our armed forces with the sustained support they will need to ensure that no terrorist has the capability of inflicting damage on America ever again. Not at any time. Not in any place. Never again. That means pursuing justice until we clean every cave, every tunnel, and every training base where terrorists threaten our country.

Second, we must understand our obligation to our armed forces as we send them into battle . . . and after they return home. There's been a lot of talk about postponing America's domestic agenda. And I agree that we must be focused on our national and economic security. But as we send American troops into conflict, now is not the time to cut veterans benefits. Now is not the time to reduce services at our veterans hospitals. Now is not the time to cut health security or income security for our veterans. We must send a strong message to our armed forces that when they take care of America in battle, America will take care of them in peace. The maxim of battle is "leave no soldier behind." When the battle is over, let us leave no veteran behind.

Mr. Speaker, no group of people can provide more valuable insight about the struggle to come than those who have bravely served

in struggles before. I appreciate the counsel that the veterans of New York's Second Congressional District have provided.

IN SUPPORT OF CONGRESSWOMAN
BARBARA LEE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to show my support for our colleague, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE. I am concerned about recent reports that violent threats have been directed at Ms. LEE following her vote against H.J. Res 64, which authorized the use of military force in response to the attacks of September 11.

While many of us may not agree with Congresswoman LEE's decision to vote against the authorization of the use of force, we must stand united to defend her right to vote her conscience as a Member of the United States House of Representatives. A Member's duty is to vote on behalf of their constituents and to vote with their conscience. We must rise in support of this intrinsic component of our democracy.

Just as the acts of September 11th can destroy us from without, they can also destroy us from within. As Members of Congress we must call on America to check our inflamed passions and national anger so as not to risk destroying our national unity. In recent days we have seen a spate of hate crimes against Muslims, Arab Americans and South Asian Americans. Such hate and intolerance threatens to slowly destroy the foundation of our democracy.

During this very difficult time in American history, we must demonstrate to the American people that we are strong and united beyond party lines and ideologies. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in deploring these acts against Congresswoman LEE and supporting our democratic process.

NEW THREATS READINESS

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, reflection on the attacks at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon leads us to the inescapable conclusion that the United States must ever be ready to meet new threats that face us, regardless of their source.

During our district work period, former Congressman James W. Symington of Missouri spoke at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

for the groundbreaking on the new library at the Battlefield's visitors center. Mr. Symington's father, Senator Stuart Symington, spoke at the dedication of the National Battlefield forty years earlier. Jim Symington is now an attorney in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Symington challenged those at the dedication to consider that threats today could be met by "preventative diplomacy, the maintenance of traditional alliances, the forging of new ones, state-of-the-art intelligence capability, and sufficient countermeasures."

As we deliberate our response as a nation to the events of September 11, I urge my colleagues to consider the comments made by Mr. Symington.

UNION, RECONCILIATION, READINESS

In the words of a beloved hymn: "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away. They vanish lightly as a dream fades at the break of day."

Has it really been forty years since my father stood here to dedicate this hard-won parksite as a memorial, in his words, "to a high point of valor" in our nation's history? It was a Missouri moment, just as it was a century earlier when Missourians in concert with units from neighboring states, contested and made sacred this ground in the same time frame as Bull Run in Virginia and with consequences no less significant. This morning we share another Missouri moment seven score years from the very day this

First, it signifies our precious Union; its bonds re-forged by that historic battle and so many like it over the ensuing four years. Again, in my father's words, "As we dedicate this ground, let us join our hearts and minds in prayer that this be a battlefield of the last war which will ever be fought on native Missouri or American soil". His words call to mind a speech Abe Lincoln made in 1838 to the Young Men's Lyceum in that other Springfield, Illinois: "From where", he said, "should we expect the approach of danger. Shall some transatlantic military giant step the ocean and crush us at a blow? Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa with a Bonaparte for a commander could not by force take a drink from the Ohio, or make a track on the Blue Ridge in the trial of a thousand years. No, if destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation free of men, we will live forever or die by suicide."

What a prophetic utterance—for that Illinois lawyer to make, that young but farsighted Illinois lawyer destined to help his country draw back from the brink of such suicide a quarter of a century later. By giving his own life to the rescue he confirmed the spirit he had already seeded with the appeal he made in his First Inaugural Address: "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break, our bonds of affection."

Reconciliation—the second lesson of Wilson's Creek. Missourians answered this appeal long before Appomattox. Last spring my wife and I journeyed down the Mississippi on the *Delta Queen*. Stopping at Vicksburg, we

visited that historic battlefield, and particularly the monument to fallen Missourians. I had not known until then that Missouri was the only state that fielded troops on both sides in that crucial campaign.

Those of you who may have seen the Ken Burns public television documentary on the Civil War will recall, I'm sure, that poignant moment, recorded on scratchy black and white movie film in 1913, the Fiftieth Anniversary of Gettysburg. The lame, white haired old survivors of that bloodletting squared off again in reenactment of Pickett's charge. The Confederate veterans, giving their now feeble rebel yell, struggled up the incline to the Union parapets where they were met not by gunfire, but the cheers and welcoming arms of their former foes. Shedding unashamed tears, they embraced, and held one another close. Had the veterans of Wilson's Creek enjoyed a similar chance to meet, the result would surely have been the same. As it is we must assume their spirits mingle kindly together and hove approvingly over us today.

Accompanying my father at the 1961 dedication was his nine-year-old grandson, my nephew, Stuart Symington IV, now a career diplomat. Dad wanted him here to implant indelibly in his mind the significance of that joint sacrifice—just as my Mother, also at the age of nine, had attended the dedication in 1914 of a monument at Gettysburg to her

Our born again Union and the new nation it forged has crossed many a perilous divide since the men in blue and gray stacked their arms, and returned to their homes in 1865. Two subsequent world wars preceded the 1961 commemoration my father addressed. The "passions and faults of human nature", as he said, coupled with the capacity of mankind to destroy itself, placed a grave burden on diplomacy, backed by a force no "transatlantic military giant" would ever dare confront. His focus was Soviet power and intent. Now nuclear proliferation, bio-chemical and other potential threats to our air, water, and cyberspace make today's challenges more complex, diverse, and unpredictable. They require preventative diplomacy, the maintenance of traditional alliances, the forging of new ones, state-of-the-art intelligence capability, and sufficient countermeasures to detect, deter, and, if necessary, overcome any threat that could arise within or beyond our borders. A daunting, multi-faceted challenge, but one which the heroes who contested this ground would expect us to meet cheerfully and without hesitation. And that is the third lesson of Wilson's Creek: Readiness, the wisdom to define it and the acceptance of the sacrifices necessary to maintain it.

Mr. Chairman, in conclusion I know I speak for my departed father, My brother Stuart, and all our family when I convey both our gratitude and warm congratulations to you every one of the remarkable men and women who dreamed, planned, designed, funded, promoted, lobbied, voted, and ultimately achieved this breathtaking memorial to Missouri's "high point of valor". It

is an honor to be among you. And I thank you.

CALL FOR TOLERANCE FOR ETHNIC AMERICANS OF ARAB AND SOUTH ASIAN DESCENT

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as the news media reported the attacks on New York City, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania, other attacks are also being reported by Americans on Americans who want immediate revenge. I am referring to incidence of hate crimes committed against Arab Americans, South Asians and other mistakenly identified individuals.

In spite of the terrorist attacks on our country, our nation's motto has not changed; it is still "Ex Pluribus Unum!" that is, "out of many one", or a nation representing people from around the world. The City of Chicago has a thriving community of Arab Americans who are not all Muslims. Regardless of religion, all law-abiding citizens of Chicago and other communities deserve full protection of the law against all acts of intolerance. The principle of justice for all shall remain unchanged.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of any resolution addressing hate crimes within our border.

TRIBUTE TO DEBORAH JACOBS WELSH

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Deborah Jacobs Welsh. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Welsh, but because of her courage and selflessness, I am able to stand here today on the floor of the House of Representatives and honor her memory.

Debbie, as her friends and family lovingly call her, was a flight attendant on United Airlines Flight 93, which was hijacked on that fateful morning of September 11 and then crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania.

But that's only part of the story.

Debbie and others aboard Flight 93 were aware that this hijacking was part of a bigger, coordinated terrorist attack. They knew that not only were their own lives at stake, but the lives of countless people on the ground also hung in the balance. Putting aside their own safety and well-being and overcoming paralyzing fear, several passengers and crew members banded together and vowed to take back control of the plane. Anyone who knows Debbie, knows that, without a doubt, she was part of the group that fought to the end, refusing to give in to the hijackers.

Words cannot express the rollercoaster of emotions running through me on that tragic day, especially when I learned of the heroic actions of those on Flight 93 which, according to authorities, was likely headed for the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. I cannot fathom the further devastation Flight 93 would

have wrought if not for Debbie and the others who made the ultimate sacrifice, all in the name of protecting their fellow Americans and our nation. Because of these courageous individuals, I stand here today unharmed, as do my colleagues, members of my staff, and hundreds of other people who work on Capitol Hill.

The bravery Debbie demonstrated in her final moments was not an isolated incident. Throughout her life, she always stood up for herself and for those around her, doing what she could to right any injustices she encountered. She could light up a room with her smile and her wonderful sense of humor. Debbie showed the same level of loyalty and concern to strangers as she did her family, routinely giving unused airline food to the homeless people in her neighborhood. Most of all, Debbie was a loving wife to Patrick, and a devoted daughter, sister, and aunt.

Debbie will definitely be sorely missed, but she will never be forgotten. Her actions will live on as an example for all Americans.

I know I speak for myself and my colleagues, when I say, "Thank you, Debbie. For everything."

HONORING TODD BEAMER

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, America has found a hero in Todd Beamer, one of the passengers on the hijacked Flight 93 who gave their lives to deny the vicious hijackers their deadly mission. We all mourn the loss of Todd Beamer and the others on that flight and our hearts and prayers go out to Lisa Beamer, their two fine children, and to all the other families of the people on that plane. We also hold up the memory of Mr. Beamer as one who represents what is good about America.

For two centuries observers around the world from Alexis de Toqueville to Winston Churchill, have spoken about the marvelous ability of Americans to rise to meet a challenging situation, the ability of individual Americans to step from their ordinary lives to do extraordinary things.

I attended the memorial service for Todd Beamer at the church in Plainsboro, New Jersey where the Beamer family worships. From the remembrances delivered lovingly by friends and family I learned a lot about the character of this national hero. He was an outstanding athlete who led and inspired his teammates. He was a fine businessman who stood out in a national company. He was an involved and loving father who was looking forward to the upcoming birth of his third child. Especially, I learned that he was a man of deep religious faith, a faith that allowed him to look past death to act so courageously on board Flight 93.

We all believe that band of passengers who fought the hijackers—Todd's father called them freedom fighters—saved hundreds, perhaps thousands of lives that would have been taken if that plane has made its fiery descent into the hijackers' intended target. It is worth noting that none of those people whose lives were saved know who they are. We will never know. But all Americans can be grateful and

can raise up the example of the heroes on that flight.

Their memory reminds us that this is not the last time America will need heroes. The survival of American ideals depends day in and day out on ordinary Americans doing extraordinary things, courageous things. The opportunity comes to every American to do courageous things. Most Americans will never have to face down an armed hijacker, but may have the opportunity in their neighborhoods or among their friends to face down bigotry, intolerance, or injustice. The memory of people like Todd Beamer helps us meet those challenges.

HONORING EXEL OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, on September 27, 2001, the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce will present Exel with the 2001 Industry of the Year Award at their Annual Salute to Industry. Although I will not be able to attend this ceremony, I want to congratulate all the employees at Exel, and in particular the Chief Executive Officer Bruce Edwards, for their excellence in operation and their ongoing commitment to our community.

The Industry of the Year Award, the highest honor presented by the La Porte-Bayshore Chamber of Commerce, is awarded each year to an area business whose mission emphasizes a strong commitment to the community.

Exel is a world leader in supply chain services. Throughout their operations Exel has aggressively employed advanced technology, maintained an industry-focused approach, and expanded their global coverage to include 1,300 locations in 120 countries. Within the gulf coast region alone, Exel employs over 780 people, operate on three local campuses, and services such companies as Dow, ExxonMobil, and Compaq Computers.

Exel has clearly demonstrated their commitment to our community. The Exel Foundation, working in close partnership with the employees, contributes over \$1 million annually to local charities. At Exel, they value the importance of investing in our nation's young people and plan to introduce educational programs in those nations where Exel has a material presence.

In closing, I want to congratulate the employees of Exel for their exemplary model of community activism and wish them continued success in future endeavors.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Armenian Republic on the nation's Tenth Anniversary of Independence. Today, citizens of Armenia, as well as people of Armenian descent here in the United States

and around the world celebrate their independence from the former Soviet Union. Sadly, they will also be mourning the victims of the September 11th attack on our country. Armenia's early response to the attack was to assist American staff in ensuring the security of the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan. President Kocharian joined other world leaders in expressing both his solidarity with America and his shock and sorrow in a letter sent to President Bush. I would like to ask unanimous consent to submit President Kocharian's letter to President Bush for the record.

Since its independence, democratic nations have welcomed Armenia into the family. I am proud that this Congress has consistently voted to provide humanitarian economic development assistance to help Armenia preserve democracy and the institutions of civil society and to continue its transition to a free market economy.

The United States has a fundamental national interest in bringing about stability in the strategically located Caucasus region and in supporting those emerging nations like Armenia that share our values. Given the horrific events of September 11th, it becomes even more important to ensure that the countries in the Caucasus move forward together—economically and politically. We must redouble our efforts to ensure that the tensions in the region subside and that the long-standing differences that divide the countries of the region are resolved. Winners and losers in the Caucasus will only foster greater insecurity and instability at a time when we need to bring everyone together to combat terrorism. I have been encouraged by Armenia's ongoing attempts to reach out to its neighbors—Turkey and Azerbaijan—in a constructive manner.

Mr. Speaker, the story of the Armenian people is an unforgettable story of triumph over adversity and tragedy. Earlier in this century, in one of history's most horrible crimes against humanity, 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children were slaughtered by the Ottoman Turkish Empire. We must continue to remind the world that this genocide is an historic fact—despite the efforts of so-called "revisionists," many of them funded by the Turkish government, to deny the truth—and to make sure that our nation, the world community, and especially the Turkish nation come to terms with and appropriately commemorate this historic fact.

Mr. Speaker, it was the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 that allowed the Armenian people to re-establish a state and a nation, to create a society where their language, culture, religion and other institutions would prosper. The people of Armenia have endeavored to build a free and proud nation, based on the principles of democracy and a market economy.

The tiny, landlocked Republic of Armenia is surrounded by hostile neighbors, who have imposed blockades halting the delivery of basic necessities and greatly hindering economic development. Despite the dual blockades, Armenia continues to implement economic and democratic reforms. During the first six months of this year, Armenia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 6.4 percent over last year's level. And during the last year, both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have publicly noted Armenia's economic progress.

Despite this progress, I would like to say that the economic reality of daily life for the

people of the Republic of Armenia continues to be extremely hard.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that as we mark future Independence Days of the Republic of Armenia, we can look back with pride on building peace and prosperity in the entire Trans-Caucasus region, so that the people of Armenia and their neighbors can enjoy a stable and hopeful future. I hope that the Republics of Turkey and Azerbaijan will respond positively to Armenia's repeated offers to normalize relations. Specifically, I hope that Turkey will allow for the exchange of diplomats and allow the free flow of goods and people across the borders. And I hope that, with the active participation of the United States, we will resolve the Nagorno Karabagh conflict, in a manner that guarantees the security and self-determination of the people of Karabagh.

Finally, I wish the Armenian people well on the occasion of their independence day, and, more important, in their ongoing effort to establish good relations with its neighbors and build a vibrant democracy so that their children may prosper in the homeland of their ancestors.

PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA,
Yerevan, 11 September 2001.

His Excellency GEORGE W. BUSH,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, I have learned with utter shock the news about the terrorist attacks on The World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon building in Washington, which resulted in human loss and massive destruction. The evil of terrorism has shown its ugly face and should be confronted with determination and resolve. Armenia joins the world in condemning this most deplorable and inhuman act of violence. On behalf of the people of Armenia and myself personally, I express our most heartfelt condolences to the people of America and to the bereaved families. We share your grief and wish you strength and patience.

ROBERT KOCHARIAN.

A TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIE RAY JOHNSON AND COLONEL ROGER FISHER HALL, JR.

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to two of North Carolina's finest gentlemen, Brigadier General Willie Ray Johnson and Colonel Roger Fisher Hall, Jr., on their service to and retirement from the North Carolina National Guard.

Theodore Roosevelt, our Nation's 25th president and a member of the National Guard, once said, "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man crumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; . . . who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who . . . knows in the end the triumph of high achievement." For a combined 68 years, General Johnson and Colonel Hall have

been in the arena as part of our Nation's military force and our State's emergency response and community support. And they have served us well.

Since joining the Guard at age 17, General Johnson has served in a variety of assignments and been awarded many decorations. From Supply Officer to Platoon Leader to Maintenance Battalion Commander to Deputy Adjutant General, Ray has served his State and country with distinction and devotion. This service has led to many awards including the Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Award, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the North Carolina Meritorious Unit Citation. In addition to his National Guard service, General Johnson has been an integral part of civic activities in Sampson County including president of the Roseboro Area Economic Development Commission, member of the Sampson County Shrine Club and a member of the Trustee Board of Sampson Regional Medical Center.

Enlisting in the Guard just prior to his 20th birthday, Colonel Hall has also served in several capacities and received numerous decorations. From Transportation Officer to Motor Officer to Headquarters Commandant to Commander, Colonel Hall has served with character and commitment. His work has been honored by receipt of the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. Colonel Hall is a member of the Board of Directors of BB&T Bank, has been named Business Person of the Year in Hope Mills, has served as past president of the Cumberland County Democratic Party, and serves me well as Executive Vice-Chairman of the Seventh Congressional District Military & Veterans Affairs Committee.

Mr. Speaker, the North Carolina National Guard is one of the most respected and reliable guard forces in the world. General Johnson and Colonel Hall have been an integral part of their success, and on behalf of the citizens of southeastern North Carolina, I thank them for the service they have given to our State and Nation. May God's strength, peace, and joy be with both of them always.

MEMORIAL TO MS. GALE
CINCOTTA

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, in these times of stress, as we unite and come together as a Nation, we look for leadership and for example to those who have preached unity, who have practiced organization—the bringing together of the diverse people of America for the common good.

Mr. Speaker, last month we lost a great American who spent her life bringing people together for the common good. She did not aspire to public office or great power. She eschewed financial reward. She never left her community.

Mr. Speaker, Gale Cincotta was born in 1929 and grew up in on Chicago's Westside. Gale Cincotta's experiences as a wife, as a mother, as a Westside resident led her to a career as an advocate for the interests of her neighbors, and for common folk everywhere; as

she was once quoted in the Chicago Sun Times, "I got mad and stayed mad."

But her anger was never channeled into destruction. When Gale got mad she got her neighbors together to make things right. And she was very, very, good at making things right.

Gale Cincotta recognized early on that the key to people's advocacy was organization and she became an outstanding community organizer, empowering people to seek redress of grievances and pro-actively shape public policy to advance community interests.

Housing was a recurring and central issue for Gale's attention and she led

Ms. Cincotta played a key role in the passage of federal legislation including Home Mortgage Disclosure and the Community Reinvestment Act.

Her drive for empowerment and organization over time grew and evolved into a national organization known as the National Training and Information Center.

Mr. Speaker, during her lifetime, Gale was recognized for her advocacy with many honors and positions including a seat on the City of Chicago Commission on Women, a Chicago Commission on Human Rights Award and a "Woman of the Year" award from Ms. magazine.

But these awards only served to deepen her commitment to the community.

Mr. Speaker, we deeply mourn the passing of a tireless crusaders for people's empowerment, Gale Cincotta.

We will miss her, we will miss her energy, we will miss her guidance. But we are resolved to carry on. That would be what Gale expected from us. That is what this great American experiment in democracy is all about. That is what we are resolved to do.

HONORING THE PARTICIPANTS OF LEADERSHIP 2001

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, as some of my colleagues in this body know, before I was elected to Congress I was an instructor and later executive director of Colorado's Outward Bound School. While Outward Bound gave me unparalleled opportunities to satisfy a passion for mountain climbing and other experiences in the outdoors, I believe my participation and involvement in Outward Bound may have been most rewarding for me because it began a life-long interest in the question of how we work to fully develop human potential and in the dynamics of leadership.

The credo of Outward Bound is that every human being has the inner potential to become a leader. This potential can be unlocked in many ways, whether it is facing a 14,000 foot mountain climb, beginning a trek across miles of desert and wilderness, working with a group of inner city school children, building a shelter for those who are homeless, or comforting a person in need.

How leadership is awakened is less important than acknowledging the diversity of ways in which each one of us faces deep challenge, whether it is physical, emotional or as part of a collaborative venture with others.

Earlier this year, a group of Coloradans came together to celebrate the individual and collective challenge of leadership in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. These Coloradans were participants in an exhaustive and comprehensive national initiative called "Leadership Challenge 2001: Connecting, Communicating, Collaborating" sponsored by the Lundy Foundation, in partnership with the Gill Foundation and 40 other non-profit and corporate supporters.

Over the course of three years, 41 participants spent 56 days in intensive training sessions, addressing fundamental issues of trust, race, socioeconomic status, diversity and other challenges in building collaborative leadership within the LGBT community.

By vigorously addressing their own individual and communal issues, the participants in this innovative leadership training project also enhanced the potential of Colorado's LGBT community to address the needs and concerns of a much broader community, namely, the community we call "America."

As an enthusiast of leadership theory, I am very pleased to bring this initiative to the attention of my colleagues in this body, and to commend the project coordinators and the 32 participants who graduated from this program.

Their commitment and perseverance is admirable, and worthy of acknowledgement.

Please join me in recognizing their achievement today.

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE 2001 ADMINISTRATION

Victor Dukay, Ph.D.—Project Director and President of the Lundy Foundation;

Harry Hollingsworth, M.A.—Assistant Project Director;

Carl Larson, Ph.D.—Curriculum Development/Faculty;

Dora Lodwick, Ph.D.—Evaluator;

Allan Wallis, Ph.D.—Evaluator.

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Dave Anderson, Suzanne Banning, Joe Barrows, Jeff Basinger, Janet Corlett, Ashara Ekundayo, Robert Espinosa, Yvette Freeman, Lisha Gallegos, Peter Gross, Danielle Haraburda, Kevin Jones, Richard Jung, Matt Keefauver, Christopher Leach, Marielle Oetjen, Matt Patrick, Katherine Pease, Dean Prina, Lorenzo Ramirez, Kathy Rank, Roy Rosa, Debra Rose, Nori Rost, Becky Rudolph, Nick Sarchet, Tina Scardina, Dominick Sekich, Mike Smith, Darrell Watson, Tim Wilson, and Jennifer Woodard.

NEED TO REBUILD OUR ECONOMY

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, as brave firemen, police construction workers and other citizens continue to clear away the physical rubble of destroyed buildings, we also are surveying the damage done to our economy.

It is not too soon to begin plans to rebuild the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. It is also not too soon to begin thinking about what we can do to rebuild our economy.

World trade is an essential part in the engine of our economy, but a part that hasn't been working fully. The United States has been excluded from too many agreements in the past years because we couldn't move fast enough. It's time to make a change.

I urge my colleagues to read the following article from the September 9, 2001 issue of the Springfield News Leader by United States Trade Ambassador Robert Zoellick.

STATE NEEDS OPEN MARKETS TO PROSPER

It's critical for Congress to give President Bush a fast-track authority on trade pacts.

On a recent trip to the Springfield area, I visited the headquarters of five local companies engaged in foreign trade at the invitation of Congressman Roy Blunt, a legislative leader and partner. The performance of businesses such as Leggett & Platt, King Press and the Loren Cook Co. reinforced my belief that trade and open markets are critical to the economic well-being of America's manufacturers and farmers.

President Bush has been pressing to open markets to help U.S. businesses and families. Yet, this effort has been hampered because the president lacks U.S. Trade Promotion Authority that must be granted by Congress. This authority to negotiate market-opening agreements subject to an up-or-down vote by Congress expired in 1994.

Consider the following: There are 130 free-trade agreements worldwide; the United States is a party to only two. There are 30 free-trade agreements in the Western Hemisphere; the United States is a party to only one. The European Union has 27 special bilateral trade agreements, with 15 more in progress—Mexico has forged ahead with eight agreements, with 32 countries.

So what is the loss to the United States? Consider the story of Caterpillar Inc. with just one country; Chile. Caterpillar's motor graders made for export to Chile face nearly \$15,000 in tariffs. When Caterpillar manufacturers motor graders in Brazil for export to Chile, the tariff is just \$3,700. And when Caterpillar's competitors produce a similar (but not as good) product in Canada, it can be exported to Chile free of tariffs because of the Canada-Chile free-trade agreement.

But if we are going to correct problems such as that one and open markets around the world, President Bush and I need Congress to enact U.S. Trade Promotion Authority this autumn. This trade authority will help us launch a new round of global trade negotiations in November. And this new round is critical if we are going to reduce the world's trade barriers to an array of U.S. products.

Some people want to turn back the clock on trade, embracing isolationism and protectionism at a time of global interdependence. During my Springfield trip, I saw the region's companies appreciate that open markets create job opportunities in Missouri and throughout the United States.

Today, exports support 152,000 jobs in Missouri—in industries such as chemicals, agriculture and industrial machinery. More than 75,000 of Missouri's manufacturing jobs are tied to exports, as are more than 16,000 of the state's agriculture jobs. These dry numbers mean new jobs and improved prospects for companies and families throughout the Springfield region.

I toured the Paul Mueller Co., where exports—to countries ranging from Canada and Mexico to Japan and Brazil—accounted for 19 percent of its total sales last year, up approximately 42 percent since 1995. International Dehydrated Foods in Monett was Missouri's Agriculture Exporter of the Year in 1998 and has customers throughout Latin America and Asia.

Missouri's farmers, manufacturers and consumers need open markets to prosper. The Bush administration is committed to working with the Congress and our trading partners to clear the way. We have a historic opportunity to make free trade a defining feature of the 21st century. It is an opportunity and indeed necessity that America cannot afford to miss.